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RESIGNATION OF A DIRECTOR

PRIMO DE RIVERA'S LAST APPEARANCE AT PALACE

JOCULAR TO THE END

OFFICERS ASKED IF SATISFIED WITH REGIME

Madrid, Yesterday.
"I am going home, to have my supper quietly. I think you'll all agree, I well deserve it." These were the last official words of Primo de Rivera to journalists before driving off for home from the Palace. Although he was very exhausted and his voice was barely audible, he remained breezy and jocular to the last. Standing at the Palace door, he told photographers, "This probably is the last picture you will take of me at the Royal Palace."

"Obedience as a Soldier."
Berenquer, on leaving the Palace, was questioned by journalists regarding the policy of the new Cabinet. He declared "I shall obey as a soldier and act as a citizen."

In reply to a question as to whether the Government would be civil or military in character, he said, "It will be a Government pure and simple. I can tell you nothing more."—Reuter.

Entirely Baseless

Madrid, Yesterday.
It is announced that the rumours published abroad that General Primo de Rivera has resigned are entirely baseless. Reports of disorders at Cadiz are also denied.

[An earlier message stated that General de Rivera had resigned and that General Berenguer, Master of the King's Household, was forming a new Cabinet.]

Extraordinary Activity

Madrid, Yesterday.
The announcement was made at the conclusion of a day of extraordinary activity, comings and goings of political personages, conferences and audiences centering around the King and de Rivera.

Rumours of a change of Premiership were life all day long, but after a semi-official denial, issued late in the afternoon, de Rivera presided at a Cabinet meeting at six in the evening, when he pushed through a throng of excited journalists, and remarked "Good gracious, what a lot of people here to-day!"

De Rivera left the meeting at 8.15 p.m. and conferred with the King at the Palace, whence he emerged after 45 minutes.

Later it was announced that he had resigned and warmly tributed his successor, with whom he is lengthily conversing to-night. The plenary session of the National Assembly, arranged for to-morrow, has been adjourned sine die.

Requested to Resign

Madrid, Yesterday.

On leaving the Palace General Primo de Rivera stated to the Press that the Cabinet having been informed of reasons necessitating his resignation, and realising that this entailed their own resignation, had requested him to hand the resignations of the whole Cabinet to the King. The King accepted and requested de Rivera to ask all officials to carry on with their duties until a new Cabinet was constituted. De Rivera himself expressed a desire that all who collaborated in the work of the last Government should continue in their posts.—Reuter.

Why de Rivera Resigned

The immediate cause of the resignation of General Primo de Rivera was the expulsion of four officers from Seville, followed by the resignation of the Captain-General of Seville, the Infante Carlos, the King's cousin, who stated that he did not wish to continue the command of the garrison with a revolt pending. This obliged de Rivera to take action and explains his note on January 26, asking the army and navy chiefs if they were satisfied with the regime.

The reply of the Captains-General to the Note was not made known, but it is considered very significant that Barea, the Captain-General of Catalonia, representing a large garrison, arrived at Madrid this morning and im-

PREDOMINANCE OF THE PACIFIC

CHINA WARNED TO WATCH NAVAL CONFERENCE

THE SHANGHAI COURT

Nanking, Yesterday.
At the Weekly Memorial Service on January 26, President Chiang made the following statement:—

The Five Power Naval Disarmament Conference is a struggle for the predominance of the Pacific, affecting the Far East and China, to which the Chinese Government and the people should pay close attention.

While the reorganization of the Shanghai Court will not fully satisfy the expectations of the people, the result achieved thus far has not been an easy task.

The Rise of Gold

The measure adopted against the rise of gold can only be a temporary relief, but if the Government encourage native manufacturers and if the people determine to consume local products, China can successfully meet any financial situation.—Canton News Agency.

PEACE AND ORDER

Termination of North-Western War

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The North-western war has been terminated with the following arrangements:—

The Kuomintang are to be re-organized by General Yen Hsi-san, General Han Fu-kui, who has withdrawn his resignation, is to co-operate with General Ho Cheng-chun to direct the rehabilitation of Honan. The 5th Army Route H.Q. are to be established at Chengchow; General Han Fu-kui is to station at Kaifeng. General Shih Yu-san is to be transferred to Honan under the control of General Han Fu-kui.

The National forces are to take over the defence of the Tsin-pu Line. Generals Wang Chin-yi, Liu Chun-yung, Wang Chan and Wei Yin-san, who come under the control of General Ho Cheng-chun of the 5th Army Route, are to station in Honan for the suppression of bandits.

Shansi Notes Crisis

The Chairman of Anhwei Province is to be appointed by the Central Government, to succeed General Shih Yu-san. After the settlement of the crisis of the Shansi notes, General Yen Hsi-san is to permanently station at Peking.

The Shantung affairs are still to be entrusted to General Chen Tiao-yuan. General Yen Hsi-san will comply with all instructions issued by the Central Government so as to maintain the peace and order of the country.—Canton News Agency.

BUS EMPLOYEES ON STRIKE

Canton, Yesterday.

Since last night, the drivers and conductors on all the city buses have gone on strike for an extra month's salary. The men have sent their representatives to the different bus companies for conferences. Up to the moment of writing, no decision has been arrived at, but our representative learns that the Government is taking a hand in the matter and has given the men up to 5 o'clock this afternoon to resume work.—Canton News Agency.

mediately visited the King. The navy leaders replied to de Rivera's note, "the question is political, and we are not politicians."

The New Premier

The new Premier, General Berenguer, has always been regarded as hostile to Primo de Rivera. He was imprisoned for conspiring against him with Generals Aguilera and Weyler.

Berenquer states that he cannot act as military chief, but as a civilian. A meeting is being held at the Palace on January 29 when appointments for the new Cabinet will probably be made.—Reuter.

Rioting in Streets

There has been a certain amount of rioting, but apparently only students were involved. People in the streets, however, were crying "We won't have Berenguer," and declaring that they want no more generals. The police were forced to draw their swords on the crowd, and a number of arrests were made. The disturbances, however, should not be taken as symptoms of serious trouble. Possibly they are connected with the recent unrest among the students.—Reuter.

NO BARGAIN WITH THIEF

ACCOUNTANT PLEADS GUILTY TO CRIME

PARTIAL RESTITUTION

Li Cheung, accountant employed by Ho Ting-sung, a pig dealer of 259 Des Voeux Road West, was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning with the embezzlement of \$1,313 which he had collected from various customers in the name of the firm.

Accused pleaded "guilty." Detective Sergeant T. Whelan, who prosecuted, told the Magistrate that accused had been in the complainant's employment for about 12 months. It was not the accused's duty to collect money for the firm.

However, he accompanied another fellow who was the official collector, and thus made himself known to the customers. When later he went round on his own to collect money it was paid without question. None of the money had been recovered, the accused having spent it all in having a good time and treating his friends.

His Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

Jewellery Brought

The complainant then mentioned that accused had bought some jewellery with a part of the stolen money, and he asked the Magistrate to make an order that these should be handed over to him as part restitution.

Sergeant Whelan said that the complainant had discussed the matter with the Police, but he did not mention it to his Worship because it was not usually done.

The Magistrate remarked that had accused offered to make some restitution he would have taken that into consideration in passing sentence. As it was there was no mitigating feature.

Mr. Lau, the Court interpreter was then told to ask the accused if he wished to make some restitution to complainant.

Accused replied that he would do so if his Worship would reduce his sentence.

Mr. Hamilton said that he would not bargain with accused, but it was in a Magistrate's power to take restitution into consideration and reconsider sentence.

Accused then said that he was willing to hand over a gold watch and chain with jade pendant (produced in Court).

His Worship directed Sergeant Whelan to hand it over to complainant against a receipt on which the case number should be recorded; and in consideration of this restitution, Mr. Hamilton reduced sentence to four months' hard labour.

MONEY LEFT

Chief Mate of Chuen Chow

Mr. John P. Somerville, chief mate of the Hong Kong-Macao s.s. Chuen Chow, who died on June 13, 1929, at the Matilda Hospital, at the age of 70, left estate sworn under \$1,000 in Hong Kong. Letters of administration have been granted to the Official Administrator, in the absence of next of kin.

Chines Leaves \$33,000

Well-known to a wide circle of Europeans, particularly in the shipping line, Mr. Sin Shen-chee, otherwise Sin Shen-chee, who was best known by his trade name of Ah Pong, master painter of No. 305, Des Voeux Road West, left estate in the Colony provisionally valued at \$33,000. He died intestate on December 17, at the age of 76.

The widow, six concubines and two sons having renounced their right, letters of administration have been granted to Mr. Sin Chick-ling (first son) and Mr. Charles Sin, alias Sin Hon-yat (fourth son), merchants, of No. 147, Connaught Road West.

Miss Miriam Richards, spinster, of Ardmore Willes Road, Leamington Spa, Warwick, who died on April 2, 1929, left \$11,500 in Hong Kong. Re-sealing of certified copy of probate of the will has been granted to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacons, attorneys for the executor. The net value of the estate (including that in Britain) is \$29,945-12-6.

CENTRAL BANK NOTES

Canton, Yesterday.

In view of the Finance Department Commissioner's decision to accept payment of taxes in 60 per cent silver, payable in \$1.00 notes, the Central Bank has issued a notification, declaring that redemption on \$1.00 Central Bank notes would begin from January 27 without restriction of amount. The main office and sub-offices of the Central Bank, having since been thronged with people, redeeming the \$1.00 notes, which are now at par.—Canton News Agency.

ALLEGED MURDER

Grim Tragedy on a Sampan?

THREE MEN CHARGED

The three Chinese, Yu Sang, Li Sze, and Ip Sul-wan, who are charged with the murder of a Chinese boat woman, Kwok Ching-mui, at Cheung Chau on the night of December 17, made another appearance before Mr. J. S. MacLaren, Assistant District Officer, New Territories, at the Court of the Southern District, Post Office Building, this morning.

Owing to the absence of a witness who was believed to have been detained at the New Territories, the case was further adjourned for a week.

The case for the prosecution, conducted by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, was that the three men had hired the sampan for the purpose of robbing the woman, who was known to be in the habit of wearing much jewellery. It was alleged that after the sampan had gone out into midstream, the three men attacked her, and in the struggle she was either pushed overboard, or that she jumped into the water through fright.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Arrangements At Post Office

On Thursday, the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed; on Friday and Saturday the G.P.O. will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and the Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Thursday there will be no collection from the pillar boxes and no delivery by postmen, but ordinary correspondence may be obtained at the back counter at the south-west corner of the General Post Office Building, ground floor.

On Friday and Saturday there will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

INDO-CHINA FLIGHT

French Airmen Arrive at Pondicherry

Pondicherry, Yesterday.
The French airman, Girier and Welsa, have arrived here, in completion of their flight from Paris by stages.—Reuter.

[Colonel Welsa and Commandant Girier took off and set course towards Tunis on January 17 en route for Indo-China by easy stages, and arrived at Aboukir on January 20.]

WEATHER OUTLOOK

Overcast For The New Year

The weather outlook for the beginning of the China New Year holidays is not promising, the official forecast for the 24 hours, ending at noon to-morrow being:—

Local (Hong Kong to Gap Rock): N. winds, strong; generally overcast.

S. coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook: the same.

S. coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan: N.E. winds, moderate.

Formosa Channel: N. winds, strong.

At 11.11 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported: The anticyclone is central to the N. of the Lower Yangtze Valley. Fresh to strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China, and over the N. China Sea.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL AGROUND

ON VOYAGE FROM SHANGHAI TO RANGOON

LEAKING BADLY

A wireless message was received in Hong Kong at 2.25 this morning from the P. & O. s.s. Macedonia, on the way from Singapore to Hong Kong, reporting that the s.s. Braaland is aground between Bombay Reef and the Paracel Islands, about 375 miles south-west of Hong Kong.

The message adds that the Braaland is leaking badly and immediate assistance is required. The Whampoa Dock Co.'s tug Henry Keswick has been despatched from Hong Kong to her assistance.

The Braaland, which was built in Dublin in 1891, is a Norwegian vessel of 1,645 tons net, and her port of registry in Oslo. She has not called here for some months and had sailed from North China.

Voyage in Ballast

The Braaland herself wirelessed at 1.54 a.m. that she had grounded in a position between Bombay Reef and Paracel Islands, in the South China Sea.

The Macedonia was expected to reach the distressed vessel at noon to-day, the P. & O. liner being on her way up with the Home mail.

A later message from the Braaland stated that she was still in a watertight condition but that she was afraid her bottom might suffer from heavy breakers.

Messrs. Karsten Larssen & Co. (H.K.), Ltd., the local agents, informed the China Mail that the Braaland was bound from Shanghai to Rangoon in ballast, and that the tug Henry Keswick, is expected to reach the Braaland at daylight on Friday.

SHARES ALLOTMENT

Application by China Oil Corporation

An application for seven days' extension to file an allotment of 317 shares (at \$100 each, fully paid-up) by the China Oil Corporation, Ltd., Hong Kong, was made by Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Messrs. Lyson and Hall) in the Supreme Court (Miscellaneous Proceedings) this morning.

The Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C., LL.D.) granted extension until February 5.

Mr. Lo stated that the shares were allotted on September 20, 1929, and that the omission was due to inadvertence, the managing director, Mr. Lo Shu-kai, being absent from the Colony.

WEST POINT FIRE

An outbreak of fire was reported early this morning from West Point. The Fire Brigade received a call at 5.30 a.m. and at once despatched several appliances to the scene.

On arrival it was found that house No. 312, Des Voeux Road West, near Water Street, was ablaze.

The building was used as a godown, and the fire had already got a strong hold, but the firemen soon brought it under control, and the flames were extinguished without much damage being done.

NEW U.S. MINISTER

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Mr. Johnson, the new United States Minister, arrived this afternoon on the s.s. President Grant, and is residing at the Cathay Hotel for a few days before going to Nanking to present his credentials to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

After returning for another brief visit here, he will proceed to Peking.—Reuter.

BOB'S DOLLARS

Morrison, Pennsylvania, Yesterday.
The late Mr. Edward W. Bok left two million dollars for the purpose of carrying on his charities. The remainder of his estate goes to his widow.—Reuter's American Service.

SIR CECIL'S FAREWELL RECEPTION

OVER A THOUSAND RESIDENTS PRESENT

SERIES OF DEPUTATIONS

Last evening His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., gave a farewell reception at Government House, which was attended by over a thousand European and Chinese residents of the Colony, representing every community public organisation, the Services and Government Departments. Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi personally received the guests and shook hands and conversed with them. Deputations from the Elders of the New Territories, the University of Hong Kong, Chinese Government School Masters, the Education Department, the Boy Scouts' Association, the Tung Wah Hospital, and the Kan Lung Lok Sun Tang were received between 9 and 9.30 p.m.

A fine programme of music was supplied by the Royal Marines' string orchestra, after which light refreshments were served in the supper room.

SECURITIES SAFE

Statement by India Office

London, Yesterday.
In view of the unsteadiness of certain Indian securities in the Indian market following the Nationalist Congress great interest is attached to a letter from the India Office replying to a correspondent's enquiry regarding the Indian Sterling Securities.

The letter concludes that the British Government does not intend to allow such a state of things to arise in India by which the repudiation of debt could become a practical possibility. It is inconceivable that Parliament in dealing with any constitutional change in India, could fail to provide safeguards against any breach of conditions under which loans were issued.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Arthur Hirtzel, the Permanent Under-Secretary for India, replying to a correspondent, says that certain Indian securities, while issued under the authority of an Act of Parliament and charged on the revenues of India, are not guaranteed by the British Government.

The Secretary for India, he says, cannot deal with hypothetical contingencies, but he authorises a statement that the present British Government has no intention of allowing a state of things to arise in India in which a repudiation of debt could become a practical possibility, and that it is inconceivable to him that, in dealing with any scheme of constitutional change in India, Parliament could fail to provide safeguards, should they be needed against a breach of the conditions under which these loans were issued.—British Wireless Service.

Marked Recovery

An outstanding feature of the Stock Exchange business this morning was the marked recovery in India Stocks, following the official statement to holders that the Government has no intention of allowing a state of things to arise in India in which repudiation of debt could become a practical possibility. Both 3 and 3½ per cent. show gains of four points, while the rest of the list are one to two points better.—British Wireless Service.

ADMIRAL CHAN-CHAK

Canton, Yesterday.

Having recaptured Kinkchow and Holchow after a succession of engagements with the rebels, Admiral Chan Chak, of the Fourth Squadron, is expected shortly at Canton, to make his reports; he is bringing back the rebel commander, Wu Tao-nan, who was captured during the recent encounter in Kinkchow.—Canton News Agency.

FLIGHT OF REBELS

Canton, Yesterday.

A Military report states that Commander General Kum-tung wired to the Provincial Government that his army was hot on the heels of the Communists under the command of the notorious Chu and Mo, who after defeat had fled to Wu-chung in Kiangsi, and that the Kiangsi Chatterman has despatched forces to intercept the Reds.—Canton News Agency.

LESS NAVY & MORE GOODWILL

VIEWS OF AMERICAN DELEGATE ON THE CONFERENCE

VITAL ISSUES

FRENCH SAY IT IS "BOUND TO SUCCEED"

London, Yesterday.

M. Tardieu stated to-day that as long as the conference disagreed on certain points the Press would not be admitted: This is taken to mean that really controversial, vital issues will be examined at the inter-delegation meetings, and not at the plenary sessions.

Real, Intense Work

The French delegation informed Reuter that the official negotiations of the Naval Conference had undoubtedly started, and real, intense work should begin at the plenary session on January 30. The French are happy to see that the question of methods will be first discussed. The possibility of finding in the French proposal a general basis has been revealed. The French believe that the conference is bound to succeed, but the delegates must not be too ambitious. It is hoped that general agreement will be reached by the middle of February, and a definite settlement registered soon afterwards.

Loudest Speakers for Press

It was decided at a meeting of delegates to-day that room for 78 Press seats at the plenary sessions, and loud speakers should be put in the press room at St. James's Palace for the benefit of journalists unable to attend the conference, the seats to be allocated as follows: Twelve each for Great Britain, the United States and France, 11 for Japan, six for Italy, 13 for the Observers of other nations and the remainder for the Dominions. Mr. H. L. Stimson to-night is broadcasting to Great Britain and the United States.

Long Step Forward

Mr. Stimson, in his broadcast, spoke hopefully of their labours, because they had learnt much of each other's viewpoints in the past ten days. "We have confidence in each other's determination to make a long step forward." He said that there were times when less Navy and more goodwill give a greater security than vice versa.—Reuter.

Earlier Cables

London, Yesterday.

At a meeting held this morning it was arranged that the next plenary session of the Naval Conference will be held on Thursday.

It was also decided that a certain quota of the Press representatives attending the Conference would be admitted to the proceedings.

London, Later.

The delegates to the Naval Conference met for an hour and three-quarters this morning, and continued discussions on the agenda for the next plenary conference. Immediately afterwards the whole British delegation, including all the Dominions met in the committee room.—Reuter.

MYSTERY FLIGHT

London, Yesterday.

The airship R.100 with fifty-six persons on board, was sighted near Yarmouth early this morning after a twenty-two and a half hours mystery flight. It is intended to complete a forty-eight hours flight which will be sufficient to cover 3,000 miles. This, the last of her trials, is needed to prove her airworthiness.—Reuter.

FIGHT WITH HINDUS

Bacca, Yesterday.

In spite of police vigilance, Moslems armed with lathis, shovels, and other weapons attacked the medical officer's mess near Warli on Independent Day. A fight ensued with Hindus.

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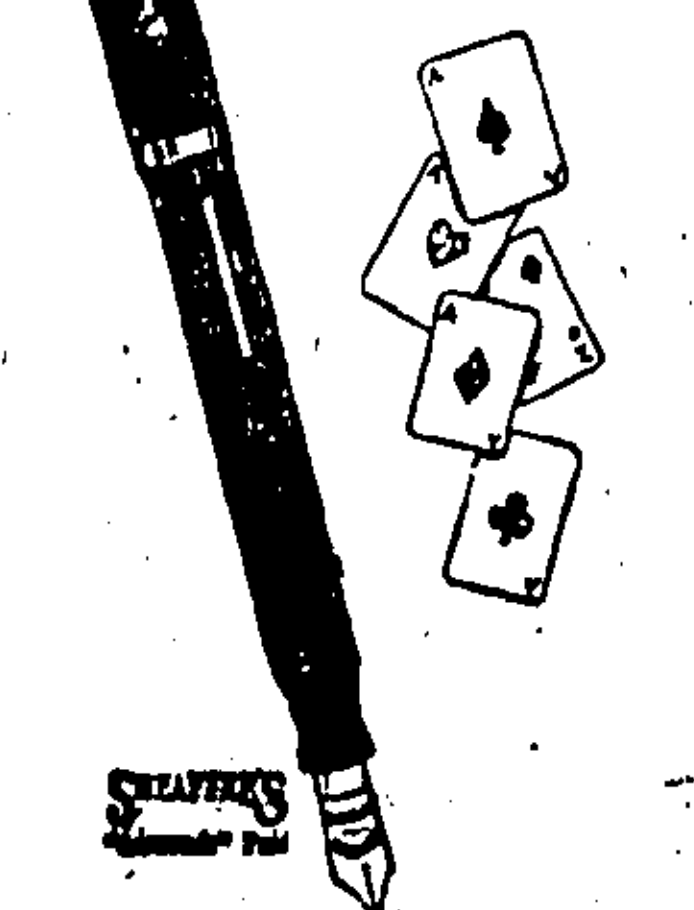
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MAGNA CHARTA
ISLANDTHE SAVING OF HISTORIC
RUNNYMEDE

NATIONAL TRUST

The gift of Runnymede—the most English island on the Thames—is put and appropriate beyond any gift in the annals, for many reasons. First, a group of pioneers in the art and craft of preserving England published recently a Survey of the Thames Valley, reviewed with emphasis in the Observer. In that model survey they picked out exactly a score of places that deserved preservation in perpetuity. The last, but not the least, on the list was Runnymede. They said—

"The Runnymede meadows should be kept entirely open; they are in greatest danger of spoliation by the thoughtless public in the unorganised parking of cars and the broadcasting of litter. The commoners at present only have Lammas land rights; but if the property is acquired by agreement as a public open space, proper provision for parking, and arrangement for control must be made. If the authority can obtain this control, we consider that they might expect to get a compensating concession, such as the scheduling as a private open space of Magna Charta Island by the owner."

All and much more than is there suggested has been given. The most extravagant hopes have been transcended. For this munificent gift includes a wide area besides the island where the frightened King went down to meet his Barons. The land runs almost "from Egham to the Bells of Ouseley."

It sets a certain flourish on the gift that it cedes the best year in the chronicles of the National Trust. Their special triumphs of the year are:

(1) The completion of the Stonehenge Appeal;
(2) The preservation of two districts in the Lakes, including 60 acres by Derwentwater, and Wrag Castle, by Windermere, with two farms in the Duddon Valley;
(3) The securing of Mount House, Earlswood, a unique sixteenth-century house near Birmingham;
(4) The completion of the appeal that has saved that peculiar piece of the Cheddar Gorge known as the Lion and Monkey Rocks.
(5) The presentation to the Trust by Mr. Cuthbert E. Heath of the 200 acres of The Duke's Warren, near Leith Hill.

But the new gift is the greatest, and it will be the chief gem of a chain. Lady Fairhaven and her two sons, Lord Fairhaven and Captain Henry Broughton, are in succession to Lord Astor and Lord Desborough, who have scheduled as park in perpetuity the most beautiful ridge by the river, as Runnymede with the meadows is the most characteristic plain. Every British man should be eternally grateful. The gift is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Urban Broughton—the giver of Ashridge House and Park. Si monumentum requiris circumspice, the Wren motto, is supremely appropriate to the giver of lovely and historic acres, and such a monument is certainly aere perennius.

Like the Duke of Wellington after Waterloo, the British people may say, "It was a damned near thing." The meads and Cooper's Hill were more than threatened: they were attacked, as the Poet Laureate, in a jolly Thames ode, written nearly two generations ago, feared they might be. They have been saved on the post by an act rarely generous, timely, fit, imaginative, and in the best old sense of the word, pious.

DAYS WHEN STORMS
PRESAGED EVILMETEOROLOGICAL CURIOSITY
IN BRITAIN

LONDON'S TWO "VISITS"

If there are any Londoners in whom ancient superstitions are deeply rooted, they can scarcely be less than apprehensive over the fact that twice within a week London has been visited by that somewhat rare occurrence in these latitudes—a winter storm of thunder and lightning. In ancient times such a visitation was regarded as a sure presage of evil, states a writer in the Morning Post.

The storm was kinder than its midnight predecessor, in that most of us were out of bed when it arrived. After a sunrise with reddish-pink clouds in a pale, clear sky, it grew practically dark in a surprisingly short time, and to the accompaniment of a violent hailstorm, peals of thunder were heard and flashes of lightning seen over north and north-west London.

Sir Napier Shaw, the meteorologist, stated that he could not recollect a similar week since about 1898 or 1899. "These winter thunderstorms are somewhat of a meteorological curiosity in this latitude," he said.

"Coldfronts"

Winter thunderstorms are technically known at the Meteorological Office of the Air Ministry by the matter-of-fact name of "coldfronts." He did not, however, regard the previous storm as being a genuine winter thunderstorm, since it was unaccompanied by hail, which is, it seems, the peculiar characteristic of these tempests.

"The morning's storm was a real winter thunderstorm," he added with enthusiasm. "We had the cold air creeping in behind the warm stuff, the usual rapid fall of temperature, local squalls, and a high wind, besides a proper down-pour of hailstones."

A census of winter thunderstorms was taken four or five years ago by the Royal Meteorological Society. It was found that while the phenomenon was distinctly uncommon in London, it was fairly frequent in the western districts.

"The peculiar characteristic of these storms, which we call 'line squalls,' is that they travel right across the country in a comparatively straight line," he said. "They are accompanied by a sharp rise in the barometer, and travel in a line just in front of the depression. They are pretty common occurrences in more northern latitudes."

Tumults, Wars, Death

Now read what some of our forefathers thought about winter-thunderstorms. "Thunder and lightning in winter in hot countries is usual," states Willford in his "Nature's Secrets," written in 1658, "and hath the same effects; but in those northern climates it is held ominous, portending factions, tumults, and bloody wars, and a thing seldom seen, according to the old adage, 'Winter's thunder is the summer's wonder.'"

As earlier author, Leonard Digges, in his "Prognostication," written in 1556, gives a different blessing or calamity for thunder occurring on each day of the week. "Thunders in the morning," said he, "signifies wyne; about noone, rayne; in the evening, great tempest. Somme wryte (their ground I see not) that Sodaye's thundre should brynge the death of learned men, judges and others; Monday's thundre, the death of women; Tuesday's thundre, plenty of graine; Wednesday's thundre, the death of harlots and other

THRONE AT STAKE IN
LAWSUITNOVEL ACTION IN GERMANY:
CURIOUS TALES

SAXON ROYAL HOUSE

A cat may look at a king, and a working man can sue a monarch, it has been revealed in Berlin. Victor von Horvath is a Berlin working man who is at present receiving the unemployment dole. He has filed a law-suit against ex-King Frederick Augustus of Saxony, whom he accuses of having usurped the Saxon throne and family heritage of which he is the rightful heir. He declares that he is in a position to bring evidence that he ought to be King of Saxony by right of his descent as a grandson of King Albert of Saxony and Queen Carola, who were supposed to have died without issue.

Von Horvath states that his father, a musician, named Geza Horvath, who died in 1921, learned at the age of forty from an old Hungarian woman of Veszprem, Hungary, whom he had always regarded as his mother, that she was only his foster mother, and that his two parents were unknown to her. She told him that as a two-weeks-old child he had been placed in her hands by a high official of the Saxon army and a Roman Catholic bishop.

"My father," says Von Horvath, "made searching inquiries concerning his true origin, at the end of which he discovered that Queen Carola was his mother. A secret law of the Saxon Royal House, demands that the eldest born son of the Saxon ruler shall be put away in order to avoid compliance with the clause in the will of Queen Eberhardina, who died at the end of the seventeenth century. The clause demands that the eldest son of a Saxon ruler shall always be brought up in the Protestant faith. It is a significant fact that since this will became law no son was ever born to a Saxon king during his reign."

Religious Differences

"The Saxon royal house are Roman Catholics, and naturally wish to avoid the succession passing into the hands of a Protestant. Queen Carola, staunch Roman Catholic that she was, complied with the custom of her house, but when it came to putting away her child she refused to have him killed, but placed him in the hands of two trusted courtiers, the officer and the bishop of the old woman's story, begging them to find a mother for her child."

Geza Horvath tried long and unsuccessfully to persuade the Saxon court of the justice of his claim, but they would not listen to him. He died leaving his son, Victor, to carry on the fight. Victor von Horvath, who will be represented in the courts by Dr. Mueller Roehr, one of the cleverest advocates in the Saxon capital, is suing his alleged cousins of the Saxon royal house for the title of Prince of Saxe Wettin, and the restitution of the legacy of his grandmother, Queen Carola. The unemployed workman does not claim the title of king, and he says that in the present circumstances this is valueless. The ex-King of Saxony will be represented in the courts by Dr. Maeding, a famous Dresden barrister.—United Press.

A magnificent diamond necklace was found hidden behind a picture at the Austrian Legation at Budapest. It is believed to be a tragic relic of the Bolshevik regime in Hungary.

bloodshed; Thursday's thundre, plenty of sheep and corn; Friday's thundre, the slaughter of a great man and other horrible murders; Saturday's thundre, a general pestilence plague and great death."



Man has achieved new marvels of engineering and art control in the many tunnels which connect States and even countries. Among the most notable are the Holland Tunnel, connecting New York City with Jersey City; the Posey Tunnel, connecting Oakland and Alameda, California; and the new and a quarter automobile tunnel connecting Detroit and Windsor, Canada, under the Detroit River. The picture shown at the upper left graphically illustrates the almost completed approach on the Detroit side of the International Tunnel. Below is the list of the underwater sections before it is towed to place and sunk in the channel. (Upper right) The Holland Tunnel, which was opened for traffic in November, 1927. (Lower) The 4,000-foot tube connecting the island city of Alameda, with the city of Oakland under the San Francisco strait.

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A CATHOLIC RELIC
FROM JAPANDISCOVERY OF AN ANCIENT
MANUSCRIPT

An ancient manuscript of great value, dating back to the days of Catholic persecution in Japan, some 200 years ago, has come into the possession of Father William Stoeckle, head of the St. Francis Xavier Mission in San Francisco. For more than 200 years, the document had been hidden in a secret shrine in Japan. It is a Catholic catechism, written in ancient Japanese, by the studied hand of some Spanish missionary and recites Catholic prayers.

The possession of the manuscript, for years, meant death to the family in which it was handed down from generation to generation. It was locked in the ancestral shrine of the Terasawas in the prefecture of Fukui and once a year, according to family custom, and at night, on the shortest day of the year, the head of the house went to the shrine and viewed the manuscript.

"It was given to me by Dr. B. H. Terasawa, a descendant of martyrs," Father Stoeckle said. "Its Spanish authorship is hinted at by one of its passages. The picture of the Blessed Mother is traced faintly in gold and has a secret cover by which its identification, when worn, could be concealed. The characters in the manuscript are ancient and hard for the modern Japanese to read."—United Press.

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The following prominent passengers arrived at Hong Kong on January 27 on board the President Jefferson:

Mr. Charles B. Sloane, a New York chemist, on a round-the-world tour. Mr. Sloane will stop over in Manila before continuing his trip farther.

Governor John C. Early and Mrs. Early, en route to Manila. Governor Early is of a province in the Philippines.

Mrs. Isabel D. Sylvester, en route to Manila.

will be joined by Mr. Everts, who is attorney for the Southern Pacific Company at Fresno.

Mr. Edward Midgley, en route to Hong Kong on a business trip.

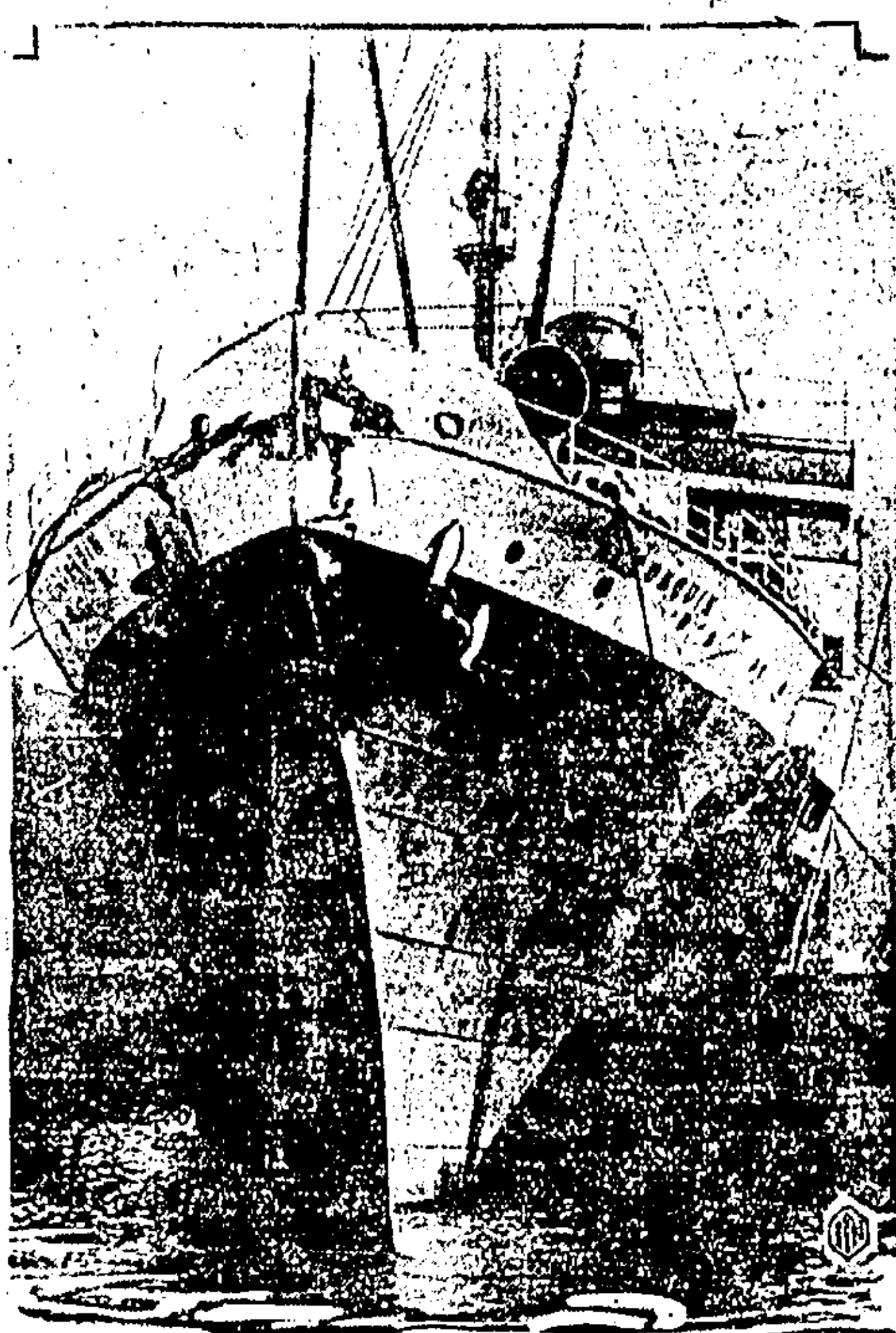
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith, en route to Manila, where Mr. Smith will be engaged on a business project for the next few months.

Miss Julia M. Hodge, en route to Manila from Los Angeles on a pleasure trip.

Miss Bernice Ogden, on a pleasure trip to Manila.

Miss Gladys Traut of Honolulu, on a pleasure trip to Manila. She will stop at Hong Kong before continuing on to Manila.

Eastern China Football Manager Lee Wai-tong, of Shanghai, Captain and Manager of the East



View of the S.S. Algonquin of the Clyde Line, showing her twisted prow, resulting from its terrific crash with the S.S. Fort Victoria of the Furness-Dermida Line, in which the latter was sunk after more than 480 passengers and the crew had been saved.

Commander and Mrs. J. S. Lowell, en route to Manila. Comdr. Lowell is of the United States Navy. He will join the fleet at Manila.

Mr. Ernest Edwards, of the Insular Lumber Company, en route to Manila.

Mr. Jack Ellis, of Ellis, Walker Hovis Company, en route to Penang.

Mr. W. W. Stark, representative of Goodrich Rubber Company, en route to Manila and Singapore.

Mr. A. B. Hill, representative of the Goodyear Tyre & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, en route to Manila and Singapore.

Mr. A. A. Moore and his wife, en route to Hong Kong. Mr. Moore is connected with the Marshall Telephone Company.

Mr. Arthur De Laski accompanied by Mrs. De Laski and family, en route to Hong Kong, where they will stop before continuing on to Sumatra.

Mr. John E. Woodward, of the Standard Oil Company at New Jersey, en route to Hong Kong.

Mrs. O. L. Everts, of Fresno, California, who will stop at Hong Kong for a week or so, when she

China Football Team, which is travelling to Hong Kong for the holidays.

General Edgar Jadwin, accompanied by Mrs. Jadwin, on a tour of the World. They will stop at Hong Kong. General Jadwin was formerly in charge of the River and Harbour Navigation of the United States.

Mr. Henrik De Kauffmann, Danish Minister to China, on a business trip to Bangkok.

Mr. C. Blaker, on a business and pleasure trip to Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Levante, en route to Sydney, who will stop at Hong Kong.

Mr. Robert John Callen, on a business and pleasure trip to Hong Kong during a round the world tour.

Mr. William Smith, on a world tour, who will stop over at Hong Kong.

Mrs. Nancy E. Carroll, returning to Hong Kong after a pleasure trip and business trip to Shanghai.

Mr. D. O. Russell, returning to Hong Kong from Shanghai.

General M. A. Cohen, of the Chinese Army, on a pleasure trip to Hong Kong.

Mr. Tsai Shing-wu, of Shanghai, on a pleasure trip to Hong Kong for the holidays.

Mr. Goddard S. Jong, on a pleasure trip to Hong Kong. He is making a tour of the world.

Mr. L. Cartagena, of Laguna, P.I., returning to Manila after a trip to Shanghai.

Mr. G. S. Eddy, Secretary for the Y.M.C.A. of New York, on a business and pleasure trip in the Orient.

Mr. and Mrs. Honorio Evangelista and daughter Leonor, returning to Manila after a trip to Shanghai.

Mr. Harry Garver, of Decatur, Illinois, on a business and pleasure trip around the world.

Mr. Paul Hewett, of San Francisco, en route to Manila from Shanghai.

Mrs. M. D. Purdy, of Shanghai, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Johnson, also of Shanghai, on a pleasure trip to Manila for a few weeks.

Mr. Kirby Page, of New York City, on a pleasure trip to Manila during a tour of the Orient.

Mr. H. A. Pan, Senior Engineer, Ministry of Railways, Chinese Government, on a business trip to Manila.

The Rev. Father R. Verhaeghe, of the Belgian Fathers in the Orient, en route to Manila for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Willis, of Toronto, Canada, on a pleasure trip around the world.

Mr. Seng Mun-ho, accompanied by his small son, on a pleasure trip to Hong Kong for the holidays.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY

The following departed on board the President McKinley on January 28:—

Mr. A. Brostedt, Oriental Traffic Agent of the Canadian National Railways, travelling home to Canada, via San Francisco.

Dr. W. Cresswell Munro, travelling through to Venezuela, via San Francisco.

Mr. Gus. Apfelbaum, Commercial Traveller returning to the U.S. from a business trip to the East.

Mr. N. McEachran, connected with the Shell Oil interests in Borneo, returning home to the United States.

Mr. Algic Shrode, connected with the Shell Oil interests in Borneo, travelling home on furlough.

Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong, tourist, returning home to S.F., from a tour of India and China.

Mr. Edwin Warnken, attached to the Shanghai Office of Messrs. Melchers & Co., returning to Shanghai.

Mr. W. E. Hollands and Lt. W. R. George, in charge of the Hong Kong Interport Soccer Team, travelling to Shanghai.

Mr. E. R. West, Manager of the Hong Kong Interport Rugby team, travelling to Shanghai.

Dr. Li Shu-fan, noted local physician, travelling to Shanghai.

Mrs. J. M. Henry, wife of Prof. J. M. Henry of the Lingnam University, making a round trip to Japan.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Australia, R/W Cruise, arrived at Padang on January 28 (Tues.) at 6 a.m., left Padang on January 28 (Tues.) at 7 p.m., and is due at Batavia on January 30 (Thurs.) at 6 a.m.

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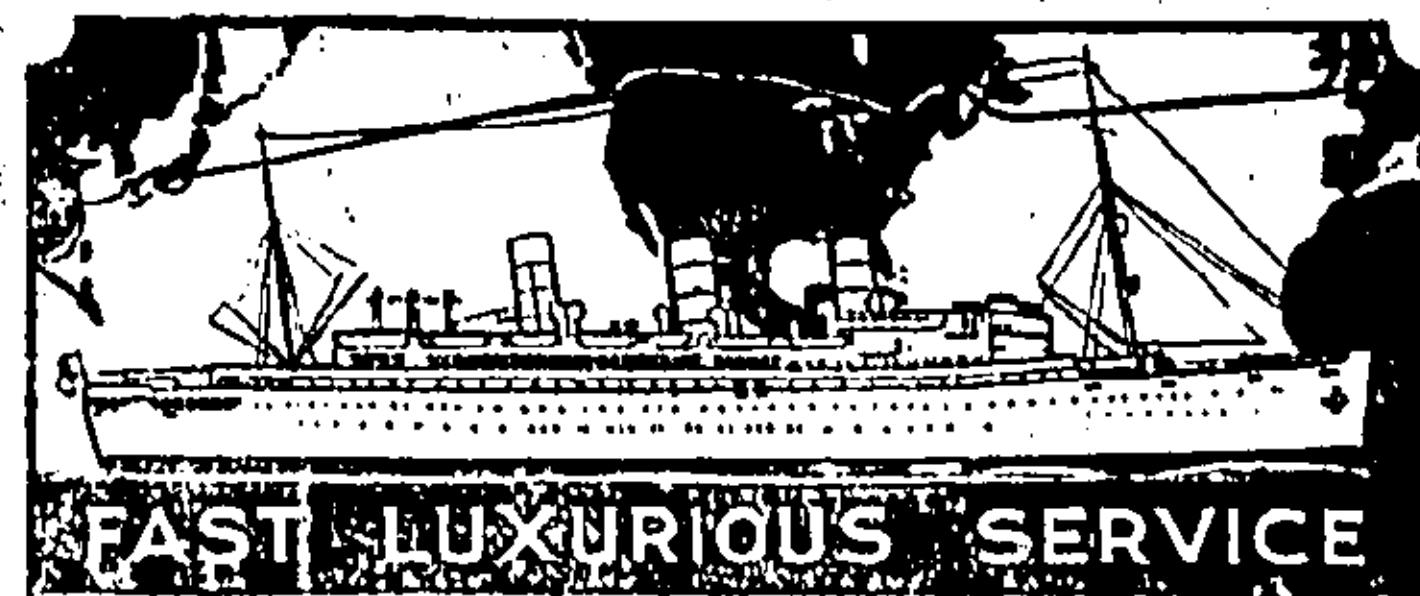
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TILAWA	10,006	6th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*ALIPORE	5,273	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
KALYAN	9,144	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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MALWA	10,980	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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SOME CONSTERNATION

A number of members of the crews of the China Merchants str. Kung-ping and Toonan in Shanghai, were responsible on January 22 for a little consternation in the offices of the company.

The crew of the Kung-ping, which had cleared on the previous afternoon, were to have left that day but apparently they were not sure when the ship would return to Shanghai so they wanted money to provide for their families during the Chinese New Year. The fact that vessels are constantly being commandeered by the military authorities was the cause of the uncertainty. Accordingly, they visited the company's offices and demanded the wages which were due to them. There was some loud talking and the men refused to leave until they received what they had come for. After much discussion, they received part of their pay and left. The Toonan men likewise received portions of their wages.

Several days ago, a deputation of some 20 or 30 representatives of the China Merchants Wharf Coolies' Union also visited the company's offices and demanded their wages for December and January and their annual bonus. They remained on the premises for several hours, after which the managers paid them their December wages but said that it was impossible to pay them for January as the end of the month had not arrived. As to the bonus question, the men were informed that they were not the only ones who suffered in this respect: not a single member of the company's staff received a bonus. Apparently satisfied with what they had received, the men left but before doing so, they insisted that the company should pay them a bonus at a later date.

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ARRIVALS

Per s.s. President Jefferson,

January 27:—

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Miss Alice Skinner, W. Smith,

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Woodward.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. President McKinley on

January 28:—

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doherty during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

January 29 to Feb. 4, 1930.

Date	High Water	Low Water
Standard Time	Standard Time	Standard Time
Jan. 29	11 11 41	4 3 07
Jan. 30	10 44 34	4 34 08
Jan. 31	10 15 49	4 35 34
Feb. 1	10 11 41	4 35 34
Feb. 2	10 05 41	4 35 34
Feb. 3	10 00 41	4 35 34
Feb. 4	9 55 41	4 35 34
Feb. 5	9 50 41	4 35 34
Feb. 6	9 45 41	4 35 34
Feb. 7	9 40 41	4 35 34
Feb. 8	9 35 41	4 35 34
Feb. 9	9 30 41	4 35 34
Feb. 10	9 25 41	4 35 34
Feb. 11	9 20 41	4 35 34
Feb. 12	9 15 41	4 35 34
Feb. 13	9 10 41	4 35 34
Feb. 14	9 05 41	4 35 34
Feb. 15	9 00 41	4 35 34
Feb. 16	8 55 41	4 35 34
Feb. 17	8 50 41	4 35 34
Feb. 18	8 45 41	4 35 34
Feb. 19	8 40 41	4 35 34
Feb. 20	8 35 41	4 35 34
Feb. 21	8 30 41	4 35 34
Feb. 22	8 25 41	4 35 34
Feb. 23	8 20 41	4 35 34
Feb. 24	8 15 41	4 35 34
Feb. 25	8 10 41	4 35 34
Feb. 26	8 05 41	4 35 34
Feb. 27	8 00 41	4 35 34
Feb. 28	7 55 41	4 35 34
Feb. 29	7 50 41	4 35 34

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Tiau via S'ow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Sun., 2nd Feb. at 7 a.m.
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Tiau via S'ow & S'hai	KWAI SANG	Sun., 12th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Tiau via S'ow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Wed., 19th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via S'hai & Kobe	NAMSANG	Thurs., 30th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Tues., 11th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Tues., 18th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	SUISANG	Wed., 25th Feb. at 7 a.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Thurs., 13th Feb. at 3 p.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Tues., 18th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Thurs., 6th Feb. at Noon
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Mon., 24th Feb. at 3 p.m.
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HAWAII MARU	Tuesday, 25th February.
*HONOLULU MARU	Tuesday, 4th February.
SHINNOH MARU	Wednesday, 19th February.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHABASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
CHICAGO MARU	Friday, 7th February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
SEATTLE MARU	Saturday, 1st February.
KASADO MARU	Tuesday, 13th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai)	Sunday, 2nd February.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
HIMALAYA MARU	Friday, 7th February.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 6th Feb., 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
JAPAN PORTS.	
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 2nd February, Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
DELI MARU	Thursday, 30th January, 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.	
BATAVIA MARU	Saturday, 8th February.

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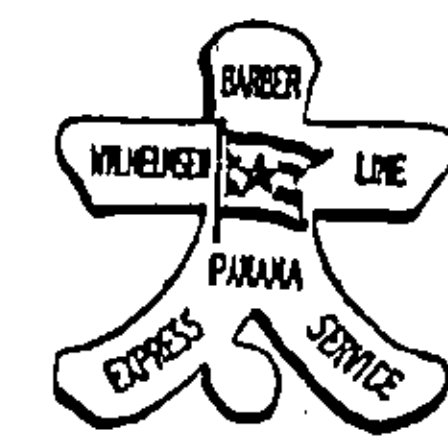
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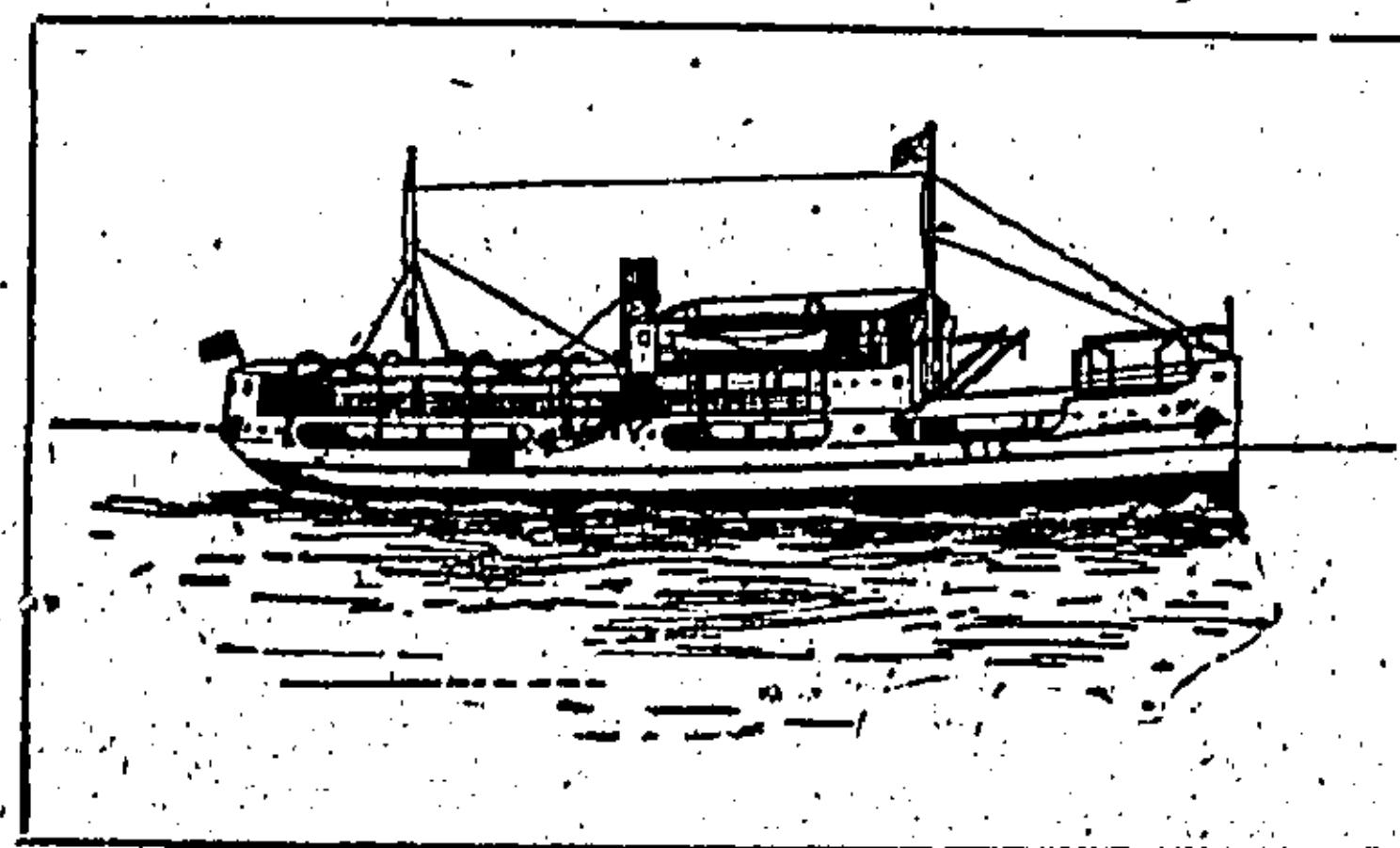
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BACK TO NOAH

Man Six Thousand Years Ago

"PALE-FACED" RACE

Head That May Revise Story of Civilisation

"THE DOLECHOCEPHALICS"

The Oxford Field Museum Expedition at Kish last winter made a discovery the importance of which could not be sufficiently estimated until the original had arrived in this country, writes Dr. Stephen Langdon (Professor of Assyriology at Oxford University), in a Home paper.

For the first time in the history of Mesopotamian archaeology we have here a head, moulded from a living Sumerian of the age when the art of painting in polychrome colours was still known to them. The fact that the discovery of manufacturing black, yellow, and red paint was made in the very earliest stage of Sumerian and Elamite civilisation, and then suddenly and completely lost, never to be recovered either by their descendants or by the Accadians, Babylonians, and Assyrians who succeeded them, is one of the inexplicable aspects of human history.

TRUE SUMERIAN TYPE

We now know from the stratification at Kish that the great period of Sumerian painted ware lies entirely below water level, and ends there, 20 feet below modern plain level. It is impossible to assign a date later than 4000 B.C. for the end of the coloured ceramic ware of Kish. Its discovery and its loss to humanity never again to be recovered during the long and often brilliant history of the Sumerian, Accadian, Babylonian, and Assyrian kingdoms and empires, belong to the noble age of most ancient man.

The trenches driven into the mound at plain level on the north side of the great temple Eshnunna contain antiquities not earlier than Sargon of Acad, 23rd century B.C. Here was found the remarkable terra-cotta head. A socket at the bottom of the neck shows that it belongs to a torso which has not been found. The skull and face are true to the Sumerian type, and at last we have a very early period which can be studied anthropologically. It is a perfect specimen of the armenoid or round-headed type.

But this is only one aspect of its immense importance. The sculptor has painted it, representing the hair and beard in black and the skin a pale yellow. The cheeks and upper lip are cleanly shaven, proving that the head belongs to that period in the history of Sumerian man when they began to shave, but had not yet reached the full tonsure of the classical period. The cleanly shaven head and face of the classical Sumerian period does not appear before 3000 B.C.

It is obvious that ancient peoples had the same antiquarian interests as ourselves. This coloured statue of honary antiquity was found above the Flood stratum, even above the red stratum or temenos platform on which the whole temple area was rebuilt not long after the Deluge destroyed the city. The colouring, the racial type and features, in which only a small part of the hair is left on the crown, prove that this head had been preserved by Sumerian and Semites at Kish since 4000 B.C. It was actually found in a level not earlier than 2400 B.C. A perfectly moulded figure, little below life-size, painted to represent the skin and hair of a famous person in the remote history of their city, it must have been preserved for nearly two millenniums in the palace or temple, to the admiration and wonder of the citizens of the capital.

This discovery will have a profound effect upon all modern historians of antiquity. A study of last year's skeletons has proved that below the Flood stratum the deeper the excavations are carried the round-headed armenoid type increases and the long-headed type decreases. That is the verdict of our field anthropologist, Mr. Pennington, and it is confirmed by Mr. Buxton, Reader in Physical Anthropology at Oxford. It is a fair inference, therefore, that the Sumerians represent the armenoids, the Semites, the dolichocephals, or long-headed, race in this already mixed population of the age of painted ceramic. Perhaps the Semite, or long-headed, race arrived in Mesopotamia even in the prehistoric age. We have reached no depth where the long-headed race is absent.

An inexplicable feature. But one decisive lack of the utmost importance remains, and it is confirmed by Sumerian and Accadian inscriptions. "The Sumerians were the founders of ancient civilisation on the banks of the 'two rivers.' They formed by far the greater proportion of the population at the beginning and right down to 8000 B.C. But the proportion steadily declined after 2000 B.C. the long-headed Semite became at least at Kish, definitely preponderant. The Sumerian people totally disappeared before 2000 B.C. and

the Semite race is left in proud possession of being the oldest race in history which has survived to modern times.

The eyelashes, the eyebrows, and the irises are also black, but the yellow skin is perplexing. It is entirely out of the question to connect the Sumerians with the Mongolians, an inference against which most emphatic warning must be made at once. The features exclude the Mongolian type absolutely and positively. An olive-coloured skin is probably intended by the artist, but I repeat that this feature of the head presents to me an inexplicable problem. The Sumerians did not belong to the so-called "Yellow Race." They called themselves "the black-headed people." The Babylonians made use of the poetic phrase "pale-faced men" for mankind, and since most of their poetic phrases are translations of earlier Sumerian words, perhaps this one is based upon a Sumerian description of themselves as the "pale-faced race." From every point of view this head presents the problem of the origin of civilisation in a new light, and turns historical discussion in a direction which it must permanently take.

The Eight Season. The expedition founded and supported by Dr. Herbert Weld on behalf of Oxford, and by the Field Museum of Chicago, has now begun its eighth season at Kish. In view of the results, Dr. Weld's loss of his historic castle at Lulworth, which perished last August in fire, must elicit increased sympathy for him. He is a great Briton and an effective supporter of British traditions. Sir Charles Marston, Mr. Robert Mond, and others came to his support last year.

CHINA MERCHANTS' PROPERTIES

SALE OF PORTION TO BUY NEW SHIPS

The Shunpao says that schemes have been drawn up by Mr. Chao Tichiao, Special Commissioner for the readjustment of the Affairs of the China Merchants S.N. Co., for the enforcement of his readjustment programme. The scheme were drawn up by Mr. Chao as a result of his conference with the Minister of Communications in the capital.

According to these, Mr. Chao has decided to sell all the company's properties which are of no direct value to its shipping business. With the funds derived from this source, he proposes new ships and to erect a new building for the company.

Messrs. Sun Chun-lee, Li Bo-chu and Hong Yen-ping have been appointed members of the New Building Planning Committee and it is expected that construction work will be commenced this year. The new building, according to the Shunpao, will be a nine-storey reinforced concrete house. All available vacant office space in the new building will be let out as offices.

Orders have already been placed with German firms for the purchase of three new vessels of about 2,000 tons each. These new ships will be placed on South China runs and will substitute the "Hsinwah," "Hankong," and "Hainchi," all of which "sank off the coast last year."

GOOD WILL FUND SCHEME

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ASKS FOR SUPPORT

SIDESMEN ELECTED

The annual church meeting of the St. John's Cathedral was held in the Cathedral Hall yesterday evening under the chairmanship of the Dean, the Very Rev. A. Swann, D.S.C. Supporting him was Mr. W. L. Pattenden (Secretary), Lieut. Col. F. Wyatt (Treasurer), the Rev. N. L. Watkins and the Rev. H. V. Koop.

Addressing the meeting, the Dean said inter alia:— This meeting is the end of a long process of re-organisation. The process began before my time when my predecessor, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, pressed for the abolition of Pew Rents in the Cathedral. A great deal has happened since that time, but our meeting to-day is certainly the culmination of what was begun so rightly by Mr. Moyle, and I think it is right that full credit be given to him for his part in setting this process on foot.

Sit Where You Please. The abolition of Pew Rents in the Cathedral is now finally and, as I think, very happily effected. All may now sit and kneel in the Cathedral where and when they please.

We take an affectionate but not regretful leave of the Cathedral Church Body to-night. I say "not regretful," because, while that body has served the Church well in the past, we have greater hopes for the Trustees of the Church of England and the Cathedral Church Council who will from now onwards undertake and augment its functions.

Our principle business this evening is to elect representatives to these new bodies and also to the enlarged and re-constituted Victoria Diocesan Conference.

The Elections. In proposing the names of Mr. W. L. Pattenden and Mr. P. Jacks as representatives to the Board of the Trustees of the Church of Britain, the Dean said in spite of the fact that Mr. Pattenden was leaving he thought that Mr. Pattenden should be re-elected for the rest of his time in Hong Kong. He and Mr. Jacks had been intimately connected with all that had led up to the formation of the Board. They had been invaluable in their work.

Sir Henry Pollock seconded and the elections were approved.

The meeting approved the election of the following as sidesmen: Dr. C. A. C. Herklotz, Mr. P. Brindley, Mr. A. Cheung, Mr. B. J. de H. Moore, Mr. N. L. Raiton, Mr. E. R. Robinson, Mr. E. G. Stewart, Mr. J. Graham, Mr. R. A. Sina, Mr. T. W. Carr, Mr. L. A. R. Duncan, Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. P. S. Cassidy and Mr. F. W. James.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors.

The statement of accounts was adopted.

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"I Never Knew I Could Do a Thing Like That," by Gus Edwards.
"Strike Up the Band," by Fred Fisher.
"Charlie, Ike and Gus," by Gus Edwards and Joe Goodwin.
"Marie, Polly and Bess," by Gus Edwards and Joe Goodwin.

"A Low Down Rhythm," by Jesse Greer and Raymond Klages.
"Just you—Just Me," by Jesse Greer and Raymond Klages.
"Lon Chaney's Goin' to Get You," by Gus Edwards and John T. Murray.
"I Gotta Feelin' for You," by Joe Trent and Louis Alter.
"Fellow of My Heart," by Fred Fisher.
"Black and White," by Jesse Greer.
"Nobody But You," by Gus Edwards and Joe Goodwin.
"Minstrel Days," by Gus Edwards, Joe Goodwin and Dave Shaller.
"I'm the Queen," by Martin Brookes and Andy Rice.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:— In Basin of K.N. Dockyard: "Amarna," "Serpis," "Herald," "Petersfield," "Indra," "North Arm," "Kent," "West Wall," "Bawick," "In Dock," "Moorhen," "Scaph," "No. 12 Buoy," "Gard," "No. 13 Buoy," "Thetis," "Foreign men-of-war in port were: Portuguese "Leonor," "Patria," U.S. "Gambel," "Hale," "For attempting to fire the guns of the Golden Arrow boat with the 15-inch gun, the ship was towed to the police court."

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions. To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Chinese New Year's Eve Carnivals at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

Entertainment. To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Hollywood Revue."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Romance of the Underworld."

To-day—World Theatre, "The Flaming Forest."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The Last Edition."

Sports. To-day—Fauling Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Fanling Station, 3.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Fauling Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Fanling Station, 3 p.m.

February 1—Fauling Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Hung Ling, 4 p.m.

Meeting. February 11—Forty-second General meeting of Shareholders of Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's, 12.30 p.m.

Home Mail. To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Macedonia).

RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 855 metres:

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.

5.5 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records supplied by Courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.

6.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.9 p.m.—Experimental Programme.

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NEWSPAPER WORK

Stirring Drama at Majestic Theatre

The untold thousands of picture fans who thrilled over past Emory Johnson melodramas starring Ralph Lewis are being thrilled again by an absorbing story of newspaper work appropriately entitled, "The Last Edition," which brings together the brilliant young director and the veteran character actor for the first time since "The Mailman."

The talented Mrs. Emilie Johnson has once more evolved a stirring drama for her son to transpire to the screen, and those who have not seen "The Last Edition" at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, have but to-day in which to witness this production. It bears every earmark of being the most successful of any picture Ralph Lewis has appeared.

Lila Leslie, Frances Teague, Rex Lease, Ray Hallor, Lou Payne, David Kirby, Cuyler Supplee, Leigh Willard, Wade Boteler, and Will Frank compose the supporting cast.

St. Paul's Cathedral, fully restored for public worship, will be completely opened on June 25, in the presence of the King and Queen. Repairs were begun 17 years ago, and the dome has been closed for nearly five years.

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Cantonese Class, 1930.

THE CANTONESE CLASS begins its New Term on February 1st. Class will begin on February 4th.

Intending students may register on MONDAY, February 3rd from 10.30-11.30 a.m.

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W. B. FINNIGAN, Registrar, University of Hong Kong, 29th January, 1930.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION NO. 16.

A CTING under instructions received from the INSPECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS I have to notify the public as follows:—

On and after 1st February, 1930, the Halkuan Tael will be discontinued as the unit of calculation of duties on imports from abroad. Instead, a new gold unit will be used. This unit will be equal to 60.1856 centigrammes of pure gold and will, therefore, be equivalent to Gold Dollars 0.40 or 19.7265 Pence Sterling, or 0.8025 Gold Yen. From 1st February to 15th March, 1930, inclusive, specific duties on imports from abroad now expressed in Halkuan Taels will be converted into the new unit on the basis of Halkuan Tael one equals 1.50 of the new unit; and beginning with 16th March, 1930, on the basis of Halkuan Tael one equals 1.75 of the new unit.

As heretofore, dollars, taels, and other currencies will be received in payment of duties. The rates at which such currencies will be accepted in payment of duties expressed in the new unit will be officially announced from time to time. At least three days' public notice will be given in the event of change in rates.

J. M. H. OSBORNE, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, York Buildings, Hong Kong, 27th January, 1930.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION NO. 17.

A CTING under instructions received from the INSPECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS I have to notify the public that all payments in respect of gold unit duties are to be tendered only in silver currencies now accepted. From 1st February, 1930, until further notice the Customs gold unit will be equivalent to Hong Kong Tael \$1.145.

J. M. H. OSBORNE, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, York Buildings, Hong Kong, 27th January, 1930.

BANDIT'S SUICIDE.

The private banking house of Lissner & Co., opposite the Reichsbank building in the centre of Berlin, was the scene of an attempted robbery at the point of the revolver, which ended in the bandit's suicide.

The bank manager, who was discussing business with a client in his private room, was suddenly faced by a young man who held a pistol at his head and shouted, "Your money or I'll shoot." The manager did not lose his nerve, but replied calmly, "Shoot away then, but you won't get any money." The would-be thief was taken aback and replied, "Then I'll shoot myself." "Don't do that," the banker cried and the client attempted to wrest the revolver from the man's hand, who, however, succeeded in blowing out his own brains. The man, the police considered, made the attempt in a fit of despair. Only a few pence were found on him and no papers.

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NOTICE.

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COMING CHANGE IN
SPAIN

THE DICTATOR'S DESIRE
FOR REST
GOOD GOVERNMENT

It may be said that the moment for the change over to constitutional methods of Government is not far distant, although not immediate. General Primo de Rivera has disclosed in several recent speeches his vehement desire to rest, but only after ensuring that his successors shall continue to govern the country on the lines adopted by the Dictator.

The return to constitutional government must be accompanied by a complete rectification of the errors of the old regime, and no one in Spain would tolerate the return to political power of the men whose action was instrumental in bringing about the country's discredit. Spain's recovery at home and the re-establishment of her prestige abroad under the Dictator's government have been almost as remarkable as Britain's progress under the regime of the Lord Protector. General Primo de Rivera will not abandon the Dictatorship until the means have been found for eliminating the vices which beset the Governments he replaced. Nothing could be more simple for the Dictator than to call the Spanish Cortes together and renounce his extraordinary power. Such a step, however, would not cure, but merely perpetuate, the political malady from which Spain is suffering. The re-establishment of the state of affairs existing before September, 1923, would merely be a return to the abnormal.

Return to Normalcy Needed

What is required now is definite normalcy; not a renewal of past error or a parenthesis between one dictatorship and another. In the opinion of many the Dictator would fail in his first obligation to the country and at the same time undo the good work accomplished since 1923 if he omitted to tackle the problem of constitutional reform so as to extirpate the political vices which were responsible for the coup d'état of 1923.

A step in this direction was the creation of the National Assembly, a section of which body was charged to draw up the new constitution. The result was the project for a single Chamber, subservient to the Council of State, which would practically replace the Senate. This project has not yet been discussed by the full Assembly, and in order to increase the latter's efficiency as a consultative body, Gen. Primo de Rivera invited all the ex-Ministers of the Crown to become members of the Assembly. This offer was in the main refused by the majority of the ex-Ministers affecting to maintain that nothing had occurred to warrant the revision of the constitution of 1876. The critics of the proposed new constitution consider that a way out of the difficulty may be found in the reform of the constitution of 1876, but this cannot be done by the National Assembly created by the Dictator. It must be performed by a body invested with the necessary authority and armed with the express consent of the country. King Alfonso cannot be expected to place his signature to a constitutional law which has not been voted by the legitimate representatives of the popular will. Such a reform must be confined to a properly constituted body elected for the purpose.

Women and the Vote

Important events are announced for 1930. La Nación, the Government's organ, stated recently that the Government would order municipal elections during May, and that County Council elections will be held in July. At present members of these bodies are appointed by the Dictator. Then Parliamentary elections are announced to take place in September. For these events the overhaul of the Voting Registers is necessary. For the Parliamentary elections the lists will be greatly increased, and as the Dictator is known to favour extending the suffrage to women it will be practically universal. This and the presumption that patronage and party bosses will in future have no say in election contests will give a big advantage to Republicans, of which they will take full advantage.

The latter is only one of the many problems which the Marques de Estella has to face but he has shown great capacity under difficult circumstances. Six years of the best Government Spain has had since the Bourbon restoration have firmly established General Primo's prestige, and the great majority of Spaniards look to him to evolve a method by which the gradual return to normalcy may be effected without sacrificing the benefits which the Dictator has conferred upon the country.

The Internal Gold Loan lists have closed with the amount easily covered. The preliminary Budget statement shows a surplus of 185 millions.

After the police had searched two countries for a man who had escaped from his cell in Aberdeen prison, he was discovered asleep in an outhouse within the walls.

The story of a surgeon's unavailing efforts to save the life of a man who had swallowed an open safety-pin was told at an inquest at Brixton.

Stricter control over the character of films which are at present shown to children is urged in a circular letter issued to cinema licensing authorities by the Home Office.

Fears of a London flood are steadily diminishing with the continued fall of the Thames, but the Embankment and Grosvenor-road are still being carefully watched.

HAWAIIAN ISLAND
PARADISE

50 YEARS BEHIND THE TIMES:
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Fifty years behind the times and frankly determined to stay so, the island of Niihau, twenty miles west of the Barking Sands on Kauai, is Honolulu's least known and most interesting bit of terrain. Owned outright by Aubrey Robinson, a British subject, the island, twenty miles long and five miles wide, is a successful experiment in paternalism and in addition a highly profitable sheep, cattle and turkey ranch supporting a population of 130 people, who seldom leave their homes except to cross the channel to vote at Kauai at election times.

Niihau is one of the truly "dry" spots of the United States. Prohibition has been in force there for sixty years. Few of the residents know the taste of liquor, the only samples being obtained at times when they are away from their own island. The sale of tobacco is taboo, although some of the ranchmen smuggle in the forbidden weed. Nono is so bold, however, as to smoke in the presence of Mr. Robinson or his son Aylmer, knowing full well that should they do so their expulsion would follow immediately.

There are no automobiles on the island, the only means of locomotion, outside of one's own feet, being horses and a few old-fashioned carriages.

Niihau is not connected with the outside world by radio. It has no post office. No ships enter and leave its precarious ports. An army airplane landed on the island two years ago and caused a terrible uproar among the stock and even among the human beings.

There are no dogs on Niihau. There is no gaol and no police. Residents who commit a misdemeanour are promptly deported. Niihau has no store. Most of the necessities of life are raised on the island. Others are imported from New York, Chicago or from just across the channel at Waimea.

While virtually all the residents are Hawaiian they speak and understand English well enough to carry on a conversation with visitors. They sing as all Hawaiians do, beautifully.

HORRIBLE MESSAGE
TO CHINESE

BABY'S HAND AND TWO BULLETS
SENT BY POST

THREATENING LETTER

The hand of a baby and two pistol bullets accompanied in Shanghai recently, a threatening letter demanding \$20,000 from a Chinese resident of the French Concession. The demand has decreased, as some time before the sum asked by the same gang was \$50,000, but they have now become a little more bloodthirsty and have adopted melodramatic effects.

It was ten months ago that the first threatening letter was received by this Chinese gentleman, and he refused to reply to it. Nothing happened, and he ceased from worrying.

Then on January 15 he received a telephone call from somebody whose voice he did not recognize. The voice asked if he had received a present, and upon a negative reply being given, went on to tell him just where it was hidden. Shortly after the spot was found, and the "present" was there.

It was a biscuit tin, in which was found the hand of a baby. Accompanying the tin was an envelope containing two pistol bullets and a letter. The letter demanded \$20,000, and instructed the Chinese to write on his door the Chinese character "Tien" meaning "heaven," if he agreed to pay the sum. If he did not intend to pay, he was to write the character "Di," indicating "earth," in which case he would meet the same fate as that of the baby.

The French police are now busily engaged on the case.

A warning with regard to the Government's policy in Egypt was given by Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking to Essex Conservatives. It would result, sooner or later, he said, in a serious effusion of blood.

Dieting, as the best basis for the treatment and cure of tuberculosis, was advocated by Dr. Max Gerson in Berlin. His methods have met with considerable success.

A gift of \$2,000,000, to be expended in thirty-five years for charitable purposes has been made by Mr. Maurice Falk, a millionaire capitalist of Pittsburgh.

PRAPS —
PRAPS NOT!

Mr. Abrahams (greeting Mr. Isaacs): "I am so sorry to hear of the fire at your factory last Friday."
Mr. Isaacs: "Sh, sh, don't you! Next Friday, next Friday."

Orderly Sergeant (at dinner-time): "Any complaints?"
Private Murphy: "The soup's very funny sergeant."
Orderly Sergeant: "Then why the hell don't you laugh, man!"

He woke up with a "morning-after-the-night-before" head, so he rang up his employer's private number, and said: "I'm feeling very unwell to-day, so I'm afraid I shan't be at the office."
"You needn't have troubled," came the reply, "it's Sunday."

District Visitor (proudly to old cottager): "I've just had a letter from my son saying he has won a scholarship; I can't tell you how pleased I am."

Old Cottager: "I can quite understand your feeling, mum. I felt just the same when our pig won a medal at the agricultural show."

After loading the hand truck with two ladders, three pairs of steps, three or four scaffold boards, some cement, sand, bricks, and the tools required, the builder told the labourer to push it up to the job.

"But," said the labourer, "you have forgotten something."
"What's that, my man?"
"My nosebag, guv'nor."

The pretty young kindergarten mistress had been telling her pupils all about the winds, their power, different effects, and so on.

"And, children," she went on enthusiastically, "as I came to school this morning on the top of the 'bus something softly came and kissed my cheek. What do you think it was?"
"The conductor!" cried the children, joyously.

The lunatics had broken loose. The superintendent was at their mercy.
"Jump from this window. If you can't, or won't, we will throw you out," they told him.

The superintendent calmly said: "Jumping down's easy. Let me show you I can jump up from the ground to this floor, through the window."
Delighted to witness the sight, they let him go.

The milkman gazed wretchedly at his runaway horse, and then glanced at his overturned milk-cans, and the dirty white puddles that covered the ground. A crowd had gathered to watch the fun.
An old lady among the crowd remarked: "What a shame!"

Suddenly the milkman turned and faced the onlookers.
"Look here," he shouted, adopting a threatening attitude, "the first idiot who says it's no use crying over spilt milk I'll punch his blooming head for him!"

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In addition to his reminiscent speech in reply to the farewell addresses His Excellency was present at various other public functions, mainly educational, and reports of these will be prized by friends and old residents now at Home.

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Recreio Players to Tackle Mother Colony

The Club de Recreio's hockey and football teams for Macao during the holidays will be as follows:

Against the Macao Hockey Club on Friday, at the Macao hockey field at 2 p.m. sharp: H. Barros, P. N. da Silva, F. M. Silva, A. A. R. Botelho, C. Basto, J. E. Noronha, C. d'Almada, D. F. Lopes, H. A. Alves, C. Roza Pereira and D. P. Xavier.

Against the Macao Hockey Club 2nd XI on Friday, at the Macao hockey field at 4 p.m.

C. Barros, H. R. Pina, D. Alves, H. A. Noronha, F. Barros, F. V. Ribeiro, F. Remedios, J. H. Figueiredo, A. M. Xavier, H. A. Botelho, and J. A. de V. Soares.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio against the Macao combined football teams:

H. Brito, R. Silva-Netto, S. Sousa, M. Oliveira, C. Figueiredo, V. Marques, J. Gonsalves, A. Ward, C. Roza Pereira, L. A. Rocha.

CRICKET

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. v. United Services at Chinese New Year on the Club ground on Thursday and Friday, play commencing at 11 a.m.—T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. Reid, H. V. Parker, J. E. Richardson, E. R. Duckitt, A. C. Beck, E. J. R. Mitchell, K. H. Batger, G. E. R. Divett and H. J. Armstrong.

University Teams

The following have been selected to represent the Varsity 2nd XI in a whole-day match against the Club de Recreio on Thursday, at 10.30 a.m. sharp on the home ground:

F. Hiptoola (Captain), A. A. Aziz, A. Chan, Pook, A. B. Sulteman, K. T. Loke, G. E. Yeoh, K. P. Gan, C. Candah, H. E. M. Adams, P. L. Tan, A. J. Nomanbhoy. Reserve: P. Nolasco.

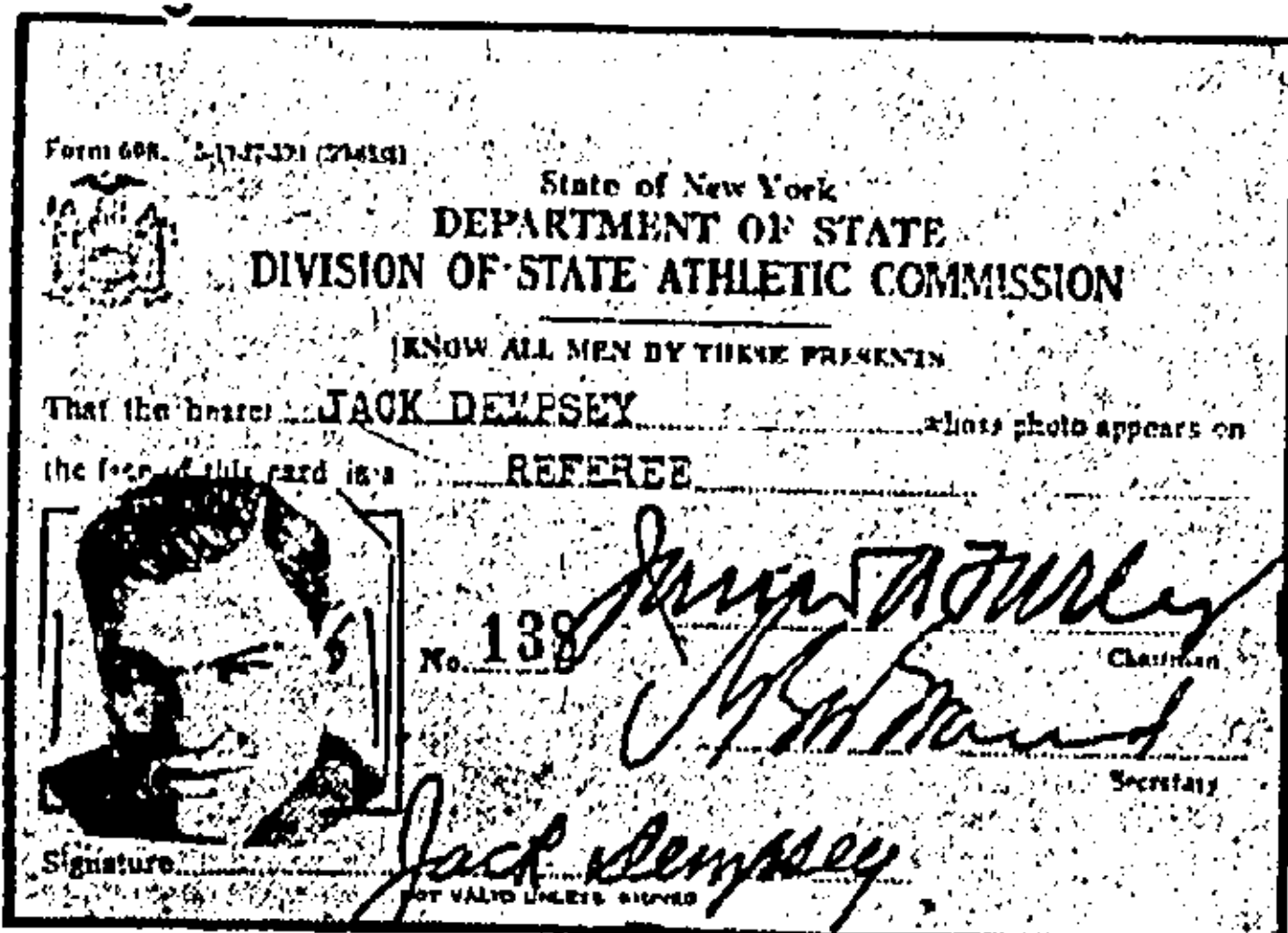
The following will represent the University 2nd XI in a League match against the Club de Recreio on Saturday on the Club ground, at 2 p.m. sharp:

F. Hiptoola (Captain), A. A. Aziz, C. Candah, A. Chan, Pook, G. E. Yeoh, P. L. Tan, K. P. Gan, K. T. Loke, A. B. Sulteman, H. E. M. Adams, W. H. Kwan. Reserve: H. Nomanbhoy.

MIXED HOCKEY

The following players have been selected to represent the University seconds in a friendly match against the Hong Kong Ladies' Club on the University ground on Wednesday at 5 p.m.—A. A. Aziz (Captain), Y. Enok, S. C. Ho, N. Chamara, T. W. Goh, Ng Kam-sol, O. de Silva, W. A. James, N. da Silva, J. Guterres, N. Noronha.

Jack Dempsey's Ticket



Referee credentials which admitted Jack Dempsey, ex-heavyweight champion, to the ring in Madison Square Garden in the new role of big-time referee. Jack was the third man in the ring to Phil Scott, of London, and Otto Von Forst, Scandinavian heavyweight. It is believed by many that this will mark the former champ's return to the ring in a new capacity.

FOOTBALL

The following are the eleven selected for the matches during the Eastern China team's stay in Hong Kong.

Thursday, at 3.30 p.m.
Southern China.—Pau Ka-ping (Vice Captain), (S.C.A.A.); Ng Kam-chuen (Captain) (C.A.A.); Li Tin-sang (S.C.A.A.); Leung Wing-chiu (S.C.A.A.); Wong Sui-wa, Lam Yuk-ying; Tao Kwai-ahing; Li Wai-woon (C.A.A.); Fung King-cheung (S.C.A.A.); Suen Kam-shun (C.A.A.) and Ip Pak-wa (S.C.A.A.).

Eastern China.—Chow In-in; Fung Wan-yau, Li Ling; Chan Chan-wo, Sun Sze-king, Chan Pok; Chan Yu-tim, Chan Ka-kan, Tai Lun-king, Li Wai-tong (Captain), and Wong Yung-kut.

Rest of Colony

Saturday, at 4 p.m.

Rest of Colony.—Shears (K.O.S.B.); McGregor and Jones (Navy); Churchous (Navy), Davy (K.O.S.B.), and Watson (H.K. Club); Rayson (S.L.I.), McBride (Club), McKelvie (Kowloon), Dr. Valentine (Police) and Richardson (Navy).

Reserves.—Stevenson (Navy), Wynne and Fraser (Police), Bishop (Club) and Dowman (Kowloon).



Photo shows Jimmy London, Greek mat champion, applying a front headlock on one of his training partners who is about to take a hard fall. London is training for his bout with George Calza, Italian wrestler, at Mechanics Hall, Boston.

WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1930:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.		
	1929	1930
Tytam	15' 6" B	11' 3" B
Tytam Byewash	24' 6" B	19' 5" B
Tytam Intermediate	2' 2" B	0' 7" B
Tytam Tuk	47' 0" B	31' 11" B
Wong Nei Chung	24' 4" B	19' 1" B
Pokfulum	23' 2" B	10' 11" B
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow".)		
Storage in million and decimals of gallons.		

	1929	1930
Tytam	266.14	295.50
Tytam Byewash86	8.03
Tytam Intermediate	183.90	102.05
Tytam Tuk	622.00	757.42
Wong Nei Chung	7.93	10.55
Pokfulum	19.00	42.38

KOWLOON WATER WORKS		
	1929	1930
Kowloon Reservoir 9' 6" B 0' 2" A		
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	3' 0" B	9' 11" B
Reception Reservoir 1' 9" B 1' 5" B		
Storage in million and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	200.74	354.24
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	104.10	79.28
Reception Reservoir	28.75	28.75
Total	333.59	462.27
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.		
Consumption	109.76	110.38
Estimated population	188,220	173,260
Consumption per head per day	21.0	21.7
Constant Supply in all districts during December 1929 and 1930.		
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.		
Total rainfall: December 31, 1929, 71.16; December 31, 1929, 69.83.		

COMING WAR ON THE TAIHU LAKE PIRATES

FORCES MOBILIZING TO EFFECT THOROUGH CLEANSING

POLICE PREPARED

In view of the activities of the pirates in the Taihu Lake region, the Kiangsu Commissioner of Civil Affairs has appointed Col. Chiang Chao-hsing provisional commander of the Taihu pirate suppression force. Both the water and land police forces of Soochow and Wukiang-hsien, in which districts the pirates have wrought havoc among the people, will be placed under Col. Chiang's command.

Large numbers of Chekiang Provincial police have already arrived in Wukiang-hsien to assist the Kiangsu Provincial Police in the suppression of pirates. Col. Chiang, accompanied by about 800 police cadets, has already arrived in Soochow, and the district magistrate there has commandeered 32 junks to carry him and his cadets to Wukiang-hsien to engage the marauders. The order for a general offensive against the pirates will not be issued until after Col. Chiang has arrived in Kukiang-hsien.

DEATH OF TUCKWO'S QUARTERMASTER

FATAL WOUNDING ACT OF ARMED OPIUM SMUGGLERS

EVIDENCE IN COURT

At the Shanghai Public Mortuary on January 17, Judge Wong, with whom sat Mr. J. Van den Berg, Senior Consul's Deputy, conducted an inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Lee Dai-hai, quartermaster of the I-C. S. Tuckwo, who was wounded by rifle fire and who died in St. Luke's Hospital on January 17.

Chief Det.-Insp. Prince said that at 2 p.m. the previous day, he visited the str. Tuckwo to make inquiries into an incident which happened on the Yangtze during Wednesday night, January 15. He was informed by the master, Captain Collin Campbell, that at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, when the ship had arrived at a place known as Ku-an, a boat station to the south-east of Chinkiang, where the steamer slowed down to take up and put down passengers, two steam launches put out from the bank. In these were a number of Chinese, some in uniform, others in plain clothes. Two blasts were blown by the launches and, immediately afterwards, the men on board opened fire on the Tuckwo with rifles. As a result, a passenger was killed and his body is said to have been thrown overboard by the men from the launches. Deceased was in his cabin at the time of the attack and a bullet passed through his cabin door and struck him in the left breast, inflicting a severe wound. On arrival in Shanghai, he was seen by a doctor and later removed to St. Luke's Hospital, where he died at 8.30 a.m. on January 17.

The Real Object

Continuing, witness said that the men on the launches claimed to be attached to the Kiangsu Provincial Government and said that they were members of the Kiangsu Water Public Safety Bureau, belonging to the 2nd sub-company of the 6th company of the 2nd Section. The officer in charge gave his name as Chu Yen-shing and he said his object was to search for two men who were wanted by the Kiangsu authorities, and who were suspected to be on the Tuckwo. Apparently, however, the real object of the search was opium because some was found and taken away, a large quantity having been smuggled by some unknown persons.

Captain Campbell corroborated this statement and said he had nothing further to add.

The Judge:—Are you sure the men were Government officials? Witness:—The only thing that made me have any doubts was the fact that they called out to a party of men on shore to cease firing. After the search they put out the lights of the launches and proceeded down-river at full speed. I cannot say if they were officials or not. I have left the matter in the hands of the British authorities. We offered no resistance when the men boarded the ship.

The Court found that death was due to gunshot wounds inflicted by some person or persons unknown.

AUSTRALIAN COAL CRISIS

THE OWNERS AND JUDGE BEEBY

STORM GATHERING

The most novel, perhaps the wisest, if the most unconstitutional, recommendation placed before the Royal Commission on Coal, which is now preparing its report, was that the miners should choose the twelve most objectionable owners and that the owners should choose the twelve most objectionable miners, and that the Government should deport both for a year.

Undoubtedly a position has been reached when orthodox methods are no longer useful. The stoppage has lasted eleven months. Since the fatal riots at Rothbury recently there has been comparative quiet in the coalfields, but reports from Cessnock, the centre of the ferment, are most disquieting. A colossal storm is gathering.

The owners appealed to the High Court to-day against the award of Judge Beeby, on the ground that coal is not an industry within the scope of the Federal Arbitration Court. Judge Beeby's award laid down that any work done before January 31 should be paid for at the rates prevailing before the stoppage.

The Cabinet, which arrived from Canberra, was in conference all day. At the Labour Industrial Conference Mr. Jock Gardiner, the "Red" leader, recommended further "gestures," presumably riots, which the Conference rejected.

The Cabinet is in a quandary. Though willing to take over the mines, it finds it has no constitutional powers to do so. The situation, consequently, is a stalemate. Apparently all the parties must await the decision of the High Court, when, if Judge Beeby's award is reversed, a most serious position will arise.



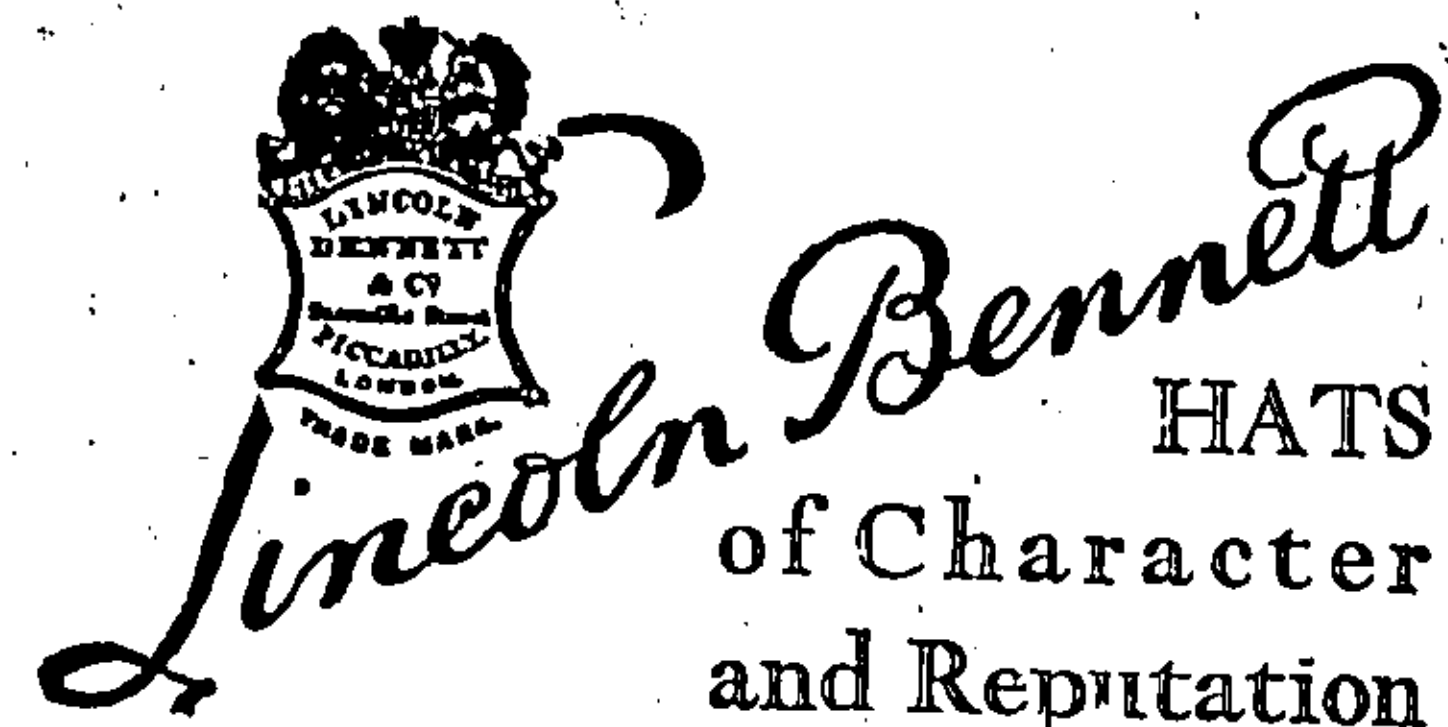
Tom M. Girler becomes chairman of the board of the new \$350,000,000 company to be known as the Republic Steel Corporation and formed by the consolidation of independent steel interests in the Middle West.

Under circumstances indicating an armed attack by opium smugglers who claimed to be representatives of the Kiangsu Water Public Safety Bureau on the Tuckwo and who ordered the soldiers on the river bank to stop firing whilst carrying out the attack and this order was obeyed.



Jim Jeffries, one of the strongest heavyweight champions of the ring, still retains some of his old ring generalship and more than a little of his famous punch. He is giving a workout to Albert Morris, whom he is preparing for the heavyweight title.

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World News In Pictures

Believes Woman Will Head Britain



Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., believes that the next generation will witness a woman Prime Minister in Great Britain. She says that women politicians must plunge deeper into politics than ever before. And asserts that a woman in office in Downing Street will be the most natural thing in the world.

Grundy As Senator



Joseph R. Grundy assuming his duties of office as Senator from Pennsylvania. He was appointed by the Governor of his State to succeed rejected Senator Vare.

Doesn't Care for Flappers



Mrs. Mary Brown as she was about to cut her birthday cake to celebrate her 102nd birthday. Work, play and shun liquor is her secret for a long life. She doesn't like short skirts and doesn't care for the modern flapper.

Minority Leader Dead



Maurice Bloch, minority leader of New York State Assembly, died in a New York hospital following an operation for appendicitis. He had been a member of the Assembly since 1915 and Democratic leader for four years. (Above) Maurice Bloch, with wife and baby.

Communists Released



Policemen leading the fifty Communists to jail after breaking up the demonstration staged recently in front of the White House. The Communists had evinced their displeasure over the Haiti policies of the United States Government. The President promptly ordered the release of the young men and women and told them to "go home to their parents."

Five Die in Plane Wreck



This general view of the wreckage which lies in a corner of Bolling Field, Washington, offers mute evidence of the Yuletide tragedy in which five men met almost instantaneous death. The men were: Representative William K. Kaynor; Stanley B. Lowe, Kaynor's secretary; Arthur A. McGill, a friend of Representative Kaynor; Capt. Harry A. Dinger, Army pilot, who had piloted a number of Congressmen, and Private Vladimir Kuwma, of the Army Air Corps. (Inset, left to right) Stanley B. Lowe, who was homeward bound to see his new-born baby. Representative William K. Kaynor.

Naval Conference



The Five Power Conference on Naval Disarmament is being held in London. The Palace of St. James was offered by King George as a meeting place for the delegates and His Majesty opened the Conference there. Above are the statesmen who are taking part in the deliberations: Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain; Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary of Great Britain; Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain; A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty; Secretary of State for the Navy, of St. James in which King George opened the Conference. (Below) Secretary of U.S. Navy, Admiral Hugh D. Wilson, Ambassador Charles Dawes, Ambassador Dwight Morrow and Senator Robinson.

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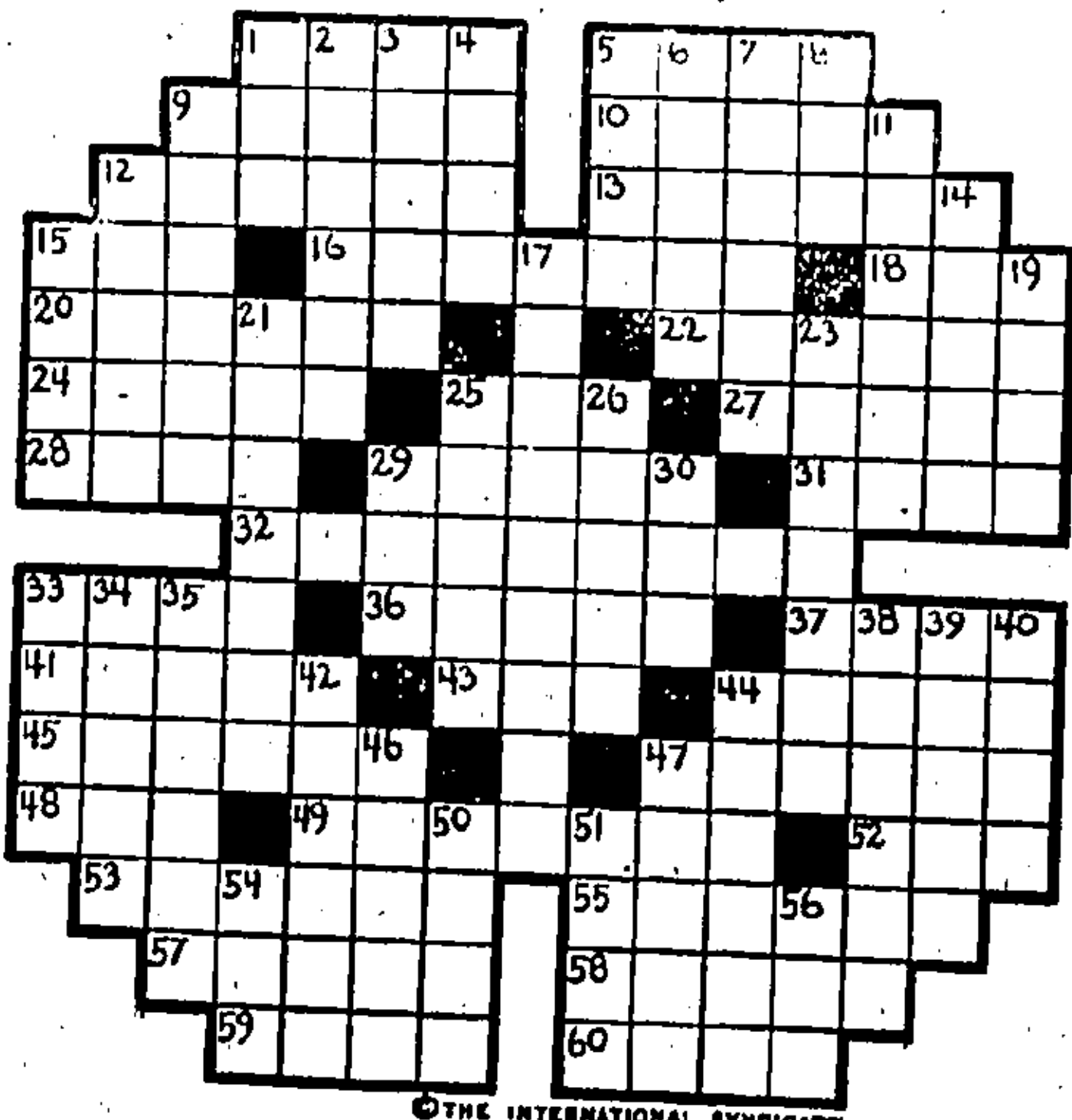
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- Driver
 - Abhor
 - French river
 - Adjust by a line
 - Food packer
 - Sea-eel
 - Lump of butter
 - Sent by wheeled vehicle
 - Something given to pacify
 - Tailor's man
 - Compose
 - Closed with wax
 - Condensed vapor
 - Irritates
 - Unit of weight (pt.)
 - Protective covering
 - Try
 - Scrupulous
 - Festival
 - Having gates
 - Merits
 - Put on
 - Black box
 - Rubber for removing ink lines
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Nol activity
 - Preceded
 - Expert
 - Posessed
 - Argue
 - Confederates
 - Beastows excessive love
 - Mingle
 - Occident
 - Fastened together with needle and thread
 - Turner
 - Suggested
 - Lifeless
 - South American country
 - Notes
 - Drug obtained from leaves
 - Inflammable material
 - Inlets
 - A planet
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- Cuddle
 - Engraved in relief
 - Parts in a play
 - Treaty
 - Those who reduce to ashes by cremation
 - Nuisance
 - Reduces
 - Tithe-gatherer (pt.)
 - Fear
 - Females
 - A month (abbr.)
 - Clear of
 - To be conscious of
 - Having ears
 - Bought and sold
 - Covered with laths
 - Book of maps
 - Necessity
 - Notes
 - Wading bird
 - Grades
 - Reigning beauty
 - Most excellent
 - Labels
 - Weapon
 - Tavern

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter balance in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Friday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

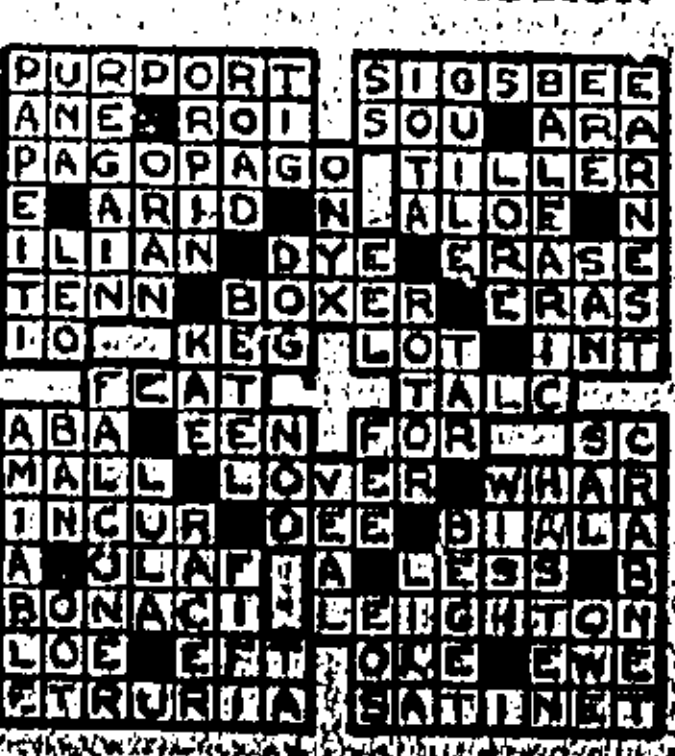
STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for January (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

	Sunrise	Sunset
January 1	7.04 a.m.	6.10 p.m.
20	7.04	6.10
30	7.05	6.11
31	7.05	6.11

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



THE NEW VATICAN "INDEX"

CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL ON BIBLE-READING

3,000 AUTHORS BANNED

The new edition of the "Index Librorum Prohibitorum," the official catalogue of books forbidden to Roman Catholics by the Holy Office of the Roman Catholic Church, was published last month, but is only now on sale in different Italian towns. Issued by the Papal Press of the Vatican State, the first copy was presented to Pius XI. by Cardinal Merry del Val, who opens the volume with an Italian preface. To those who contend that the condemnation of heretical books is a violation of liberty, diminishes the light of truth, and retards the progress of letters and science, the Cardinal answers:—

First of all it is manifest that no one is better fitted than the Catholic Church to teach that the Creator has endowed man with liberty, and no one has done more than the Church to defend this Præsentissimum donum Dei against all who have dared to deny it or circumscribe it in any way. Only those infected by the moral plague that goes by the name of liberalism can consider the exercise of free-will to be injured by certain restraints placed by legitimate authority on libertinism; as if man, because he is master of his own acts, has a right invariably to follow his own will.

The actual founder of the Index is Pope Gelasius, as the earliest known instance of a list of proscribed books in the "Notitia Librorum Apocryphorum" issued by this Pope in 494. With the invention of printing, one of the chief functions of the Inquisition was to exercise a rigid censorship over books and authors; as printing-presses increased, so did the severity of the Church. Church organisation was fully prepared to meet the assaults of the Reformation. The first Roman Index, in the modern ecclesiastical use of the term, was published by Pope Paul V. in 1571, and ten years later Pius V. instituted a permanent Congregation of Cardinals to draw up the list of prohibited books.

Principles of Selection

The continuity of principle in the Roman Catholic Church is strikingly illustrated by the method followed in the Index. The condemnation of Origen by Pope Anastasius in the fourth century is based on the same criterion as is followed to-day in similar cases; that is to say, works are condemned not so much for the errors they contain as for the dangers to which they expose the faithful. It should be remembered that, whether expressly mentioned in the Index or not, certain categories of books are understood, ipso facto, to be condemned by the Church. This includes certain versions of the Holy Scriptures published by non-Catholics, and books of any kind propagating heresy and schism; under this heading the Book of Common Prayer was banned in 1714.

Cardinal Merry del Val denies that the Roman Curia has ever prevented Catholics from reading the Bible. He says: "It was only after the abuses of the heretics, especially the Waldensians, Albigenses, and Wickliffites, and of Protestants in general (who endeavoured by sacrilegious mutilations and arbitrary interpretations to find in the Bible a support denied them by history) that Popes and Councils were obliged to regulate and sometimes to prevent the divulgation of the Bible in the vulgar tongue."

Nietzsche and Tolstoy

It is not generally known that books are only examined by the Holy Office when they are expressly brought to the notice of the tribunal. This accounts for the fact that authors such as Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Tolstoy, Hegel, and Carducci are not found on the black list, and that the number of proscribed writers—about 5,000—is comparatively small. Sometimes an author's life work is condemned wholesale, as in the case of Maeterlinck. The "fabules amatoriales" of George Sand, Dumas (pere et fils), Zola, Anatole France, and Guido da Verona, Italy's best seller, are also totally banned. One of the latest decrees, in 1928, a fresh and sweeping condemnation of all D'Annunzio's works, as fidel et modum offensivas. This coincided with the announcement of a special national edition of the poet's works, published under the aegis of the Fascist Government. Many of the best writers of the Italian Risorgimento are on the Index for all or part of their work.

Among British standard works in the Index are the following: Sir Thomas Browne's "Religio Medici" (decreed dated 1645); Richardson's "Pamela" in spite of its sub-title, "Virtue Rewarded"; Laurence Sterne's "Sentimental Journey"; Gibbon's "Decline and Fall"; and Hallam's historical works. Few women writers are on the Index, probably because the bulk of condemnations belong to the period, preceding the latter half of the nineteenth century, when authoresses were neither so numerous nor so daring as they are to-day. Lady Morgan's "Journal of a Residence in Italy," however, was banned in 1822.

A distinction is made in the Index between books wholly prohibited ("Index Expurgatorius") and those only prohibited until certain offensive passages have been changed, or removed ("Index Prohibitorius"). In the former case the works are marked by a cross, in the latter by a star.

Complaints that the British Government did not forward to the Vatican a protest by the Maltese Government against Cardinal Gasparri's letter on the recent expulsion of bishops were made by the Archbishop of Malta.

HOME OF NAVAL CONFERENCES

FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH'S DAY TO 1930

ROMANCE OF ST. JAMES'S

Preparations for the Naval Conference were in progress when I visited St. James's Palace, prosaic matters dealing with telephone installations, green baize tables, blotting pads and ink bottles, writes a Morning Post representative. But St. James's Palace as a meeting house for a naval disarmament conference has a more romantic appeal than office appliances.

It was to St. James's Palace that Queen Elizabeth hastened from Richmond when it was learnt that the Armada had set sail for the British coast. It was here that she held council with Drake and her Admirals. It was to the Great Council Chamber that her enemies, Lord Howard, the Catholic Poers, and the aristocracy of Britain came to offer allegiance and to defend her shores with ships and men against Phillip of Spain.

The courtyards were then full of mounted men ready to carry messages, calling all good citizens to arms or delivering despatches, offering assistance from men of every party and creed. The greatest naval conference in our history was then being held, but it meant war and destruction.

During the first two months of 1930 a conference which aims at peace on the high seas will be in progress. The delegates will be from five countries—United States, Japan, France, Italy, and Great Britain. As in the days of Elizabeth an endeavour will be made to sink all differences for the common object. Telephones and 300 newspaper reporters will replace despatch riders, sub-committees on every conceivable issue will replace consultations between Elizabeth and Sir Walter Raleigh, and Sir Francis Drake.

Palace of Ease

The vicissitudes of St. James's Palace have been many, yet to this day it bears the cachet of the English Court, foreign Ambassadors still accredited to the Court of St. James's, though the Palace has long ceased to house the Sovereign.

The Palace was built in 1532 by Henry VIII. He had taken over Wolsey's Palace in the woodlands of Whitehall. The proximity of a lepers' home dedicated to St. James annoyed him, so he had it pulled down and built himself a small palace of retirement and ease. Holbein was commissioned to design the entrance, which still exists. The parklands and deer forest then extended to beyond Hampstead Heath.

It was from this Palace of Ease and Retirement that King Hal set out on his hunting expeditions early in the morning, returning with his men after sundown to make merry until the early hours.

It was to St. James's Palace that the King brought Anne Boleyn, whom he first married secretly. There for two months before his official wedding the happy couple lived in privacy and bliss. It was from St. James's Palace that he sent his Anne to be beheaded on Tower Hill. It is said that he never entered the Palace afterwards, which is perhaps the only act of practical sentiment ever performed by that strange monarch. Over the mouth-piece is still the monogram of Henry and Anne entwined in a lovers' knot.

Mary I turned it into the official Royal Palace, and it was there she died in loneliness, deserted by her husband and friends. Elizabeth used the Palace only for official purposes, and seldom lived in it. It was from St. James's Palace that Charles I was taken one cold, frosty morning to meet his fate on the scaffold at Westminster, and it was in the Palace of St. James that James, known in England as the Old Pretender, was born.

Once a Prison

Cromwell turned the Royal residence into a State prison and destroyed much of its interior beauty. Charles II, refurbished it and it again became a Royal Palace. At that time the park and ornamental gardens were finished; in the vicinity, where is now Pall Mall, Charles built a house for Nell Gwynne.

The Palace, built as a peace resort for Henry VIII, had now become the centre of feasting, junketing, and pleasure of the Stuart and their entourage. Never were such follies and inconsequences known. But in December, 1688, James II. fled as a banished and discredited King, and with him went the merry laughter of his dynasty. William of Orange took possession under the protection of a Dutch Guard, and from that time St. James's Palace settled down to dull respectability.

Anne used it as her official residence, and three Georges lived there in gloomy middle-class pompousness. But this time the districts of Westminster and St. James were covered with streets and houses, and George III. approached his Palace carried in a sedan chair down St. James's-street, then no longer a country road. From the windows of their clubs the dandies of the day eagerly watched for this imposing daily outing.

Queen Victoria was the last Sovereign to be present and proclaimed from the gates of the Palace. It is still used for levees and official ceremonies.

Further revelations of a great drug traffic conspiracy have been made from Cairo. Rumanians have been smuggling drugs in large quantities into Egypt.

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ANOTHER OUTRAGE AT MARSEILLES

POLICE PUNISHED

Marseilles has obtained an unenviable reputation in consequence of the repeated outrages committed by bandits. Two days after the verdict of the trial of the men at the Aix-en-Provence Assizes for the murder of a bank messenger, another bank messenger has been attacked at Marseilles and robbed of 73,300 fr. (about £890).

The verdict in the Aix trial was described in the Press as "abominable," and this new outrage has moved a newspaper to ask whether Marseilles is in France or in the jungle. There are hints of base intrigues of politicians and detectives, especially after an incident which occurred at the Aix trial. It is significant that M. Tardieu, in his capacity of Minister of the Interior, has found it necessary to make a number of changes. M. Gosnard, the central police commissary of Marseilles, has been retired. His place will be filled by M. Boiron, the commissary of Nancy. M. Grisoni, the chief of the detective department of the town, has been moved to Troyes, and M. Thomieux, another police commissary, has been sent to Pau.

Disregarded Warning

M. Thomieux, in his evidence, stated that he had received information from a woman friend of the proprietor of the motor-car to the effect that she could give interesting information about the thieves. On four occasions he had vainly urged M. Grisoni, the Chief of the Surete, to hear this woman, but the latter did not do so, and he had to request the examining magistrate to make an inquiry. Grisoni denied that he had received any information from M. Thomieux, but the examining magistrate confirmed Thomieux's statement and sent a delegation to the Surete, to take the evidence of the woman.

After an official inquiry it was held that the driver of the motor-car and the "Unknown" should have been arrested, and M. Tardieu's action against Grisoni, the detective chief, and Thomieux, the police commissary, was dictated by what came out at the trial.

The latest outrage occurred in broad daylight. M. Stagnaro, a bank messenger, had made his usual rounds and was proceeding to the house of a friend to lunch when he was assailed by three young men armed with revolvers and forced into a motor-car, which drove away. The bandits robbed the bank messenger of his wallet, containing the sum mentioned, and his pocketbook, in which were a thousand francs. M. Stagnaro was then pushed out of the motor-car, which soon disappeared in the traffic.

Great interest has been aroused by the announcement of the discovery of prehistoric human remains near Peking. It is expected that the finds will provide almost complete information about the most primitive types of human being known.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.	
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Shanghai and Amoy	Changchow
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.	
U.S.A. (Seattle, Jan. 11), Canada, Japan & Shanghai	President Grant
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3.	
Canada (Victoria, B.C., January 11), U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia
Straits	Kamo Maru
Manila	President Jefferson

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.	
Straits and Calcutta	Ceylon Maru 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Andre Lebon 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Haining 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Dei Maru 5 p.m.
Japan	Namsang 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Namsang
Registration	Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.	
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Nellors (Due Thursday Is. Feb. 15.) Parcels Jan. 31, 9 a.m. Registration Feb. 1, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. G.G. Maurice Long 10 a.m. Wing Wo 11 a.m.
Haiphong	Ermland 12.30 p.m.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1.	
Amoy	Anking 10.40 a.m.

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AUSTRALIA DAY Special Celebrations in London FINANCIAL REVIEW

Rugby, Yesterday.
"Australia Day," the 142nd anniversary of the landing of the first explorers at Botany Bay, was celebrated in London yesterday by a special church service, a reception, and a dinner at which Mr. James Fenton, Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Commerce and the Australian delegate to the Naval Conference, was the guest of honour.

In his speech he said Australia, in common with other countries, was feeling the effects of the stringent financial conditions which at present prevailed. He pointed out, however, that in Australia Commonwealth stocks were stable at good prices. The Commonwealth had paid over a long series of years interest to the amount of 502 million sterling, and had never yet failed in her obligations.

Australia had contributed about 630 million sterling to the wealth of the Empire in gold. They were on the eve of a great gold-mining revival. One company was spending three million sterling on introducing new processes and methods for making low-grade ore payable.

Another big interest whose representative had just returned from Australia, intended to spend 200,000 in developing considerable mineral areas in New South Wales.

Referring to the new Australian tariff and the fears expressed regarding the effect on British trade, he said a margin of preference had been maintained, and it still was the policy of his country to give preference to British next to their own manufactures.—British Wireless Service.

"WETS" NOT WANTED Banned from Prohibition Duties

Washington, Yesterday.
Prohibitionists must practise what they preach, declares the Attorney-General while stating that it is his intention not to appoint "wets" as United States attorneys or marshals, because no man who habitually drinks or holds pronounced views opposed to prohibition should be directly concerned in prosecutions under the Prohibition Act. Such should seek jobs in other departments or privately.

The administration will at an early date press for the transfer of prohibition enforcement wholly to the Attorney-General's jurisdiction.—Reuter's American Service.

TSARIST GENERAL LURED TO DEATH?

SUSPECTED MURDER BY "REDS" OF GENERAL KAUTIEPOFF

CORDIALLY HATED

Paris, Yesterday.

All the hospitals and other possible places were unsuccessfully scoured for the well-known Tsarist, General Kautiepoft, a participant in the Denikin and Wrangel campaigns, who left home for a short walk on January 26 and disappeared. The feeling is growing among the Russian refugees that he was lured to death by Bolsheviks, by whom he was cordially hated.—Reuter.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Signs of the coming China New Year are in evidence on all sides. The main street is thronged with shoppers. The fisherfolk have gathered in the harbour and lashed their junks in serried ranks and as close together as possible, the white awnings giving the appearance of a tent encampment.

The printers of New Year cards of varied designs have been busy for the past week.

The M.V. Sun Chow, after an extended overhaul in dock, is back on the run and making an extra night trip these last few days, leaving Hong Kong at 8 p.m. We have had an assortment of launches, sometimes two on the run following one another closely, a confusing number of whistles resulting.

On the hills an unusual number of bungalows are or will be opened up for visitors and owners who are spending a brief holiday.

Two new missionaries of the B.C.M.S. are staying with Mr. Clift. They tried to get through to Nanning, but were unable to get beyond Wuchow. The Rev. and Mrs. Davies are down after seeing their son off to Chefoo for his last term. They will all be leaving for New Zealand in a few months.

Viscount Cecil is now working at the Foreign Office "in a voluntary capacity," it was announced in the House of Commons.

OPIUM TRAFFIC

500,000 Addicts in Egypt

Ruby, Yesterday.

Major-General Russell Pasha, Chief of Cairo Police and Director of the Egyptian Central Narcotics Intelligence Bureau, supplemented his recent outspoken report at yesterday's sitting in Geneva of the League of Nations Opium Advisory Committee.

Russell Pasha stated that out of fourteen million inhabitants in Egypt, half a million were drug addicts. The situation, he added, was worse in Egypt than other countries, as drugs had made a great inroad upon the lower middle-class and peasants. In spite of energetic intervention the situation was serious, and he emphasised the necessity for putting and end to this scourge.

Following a strong plea for action by the British and Italian Governments, the Committee has begun to study in detail a scheme for limiting the output of drugs to certified medical requirements.—British Wireless Service.

SUGAR INDUSTRY

Home Commissioners Report on Survey

Rugby, Yesterday.

Lord Olivier and the Commissioners appointed by the Secretary for the Colonies to investigate and report upon the state of the sugar industry in the West Indies returned to London yesterday.

Lord Olivier stated that they had made a thorough survey of the sugar situation in the West Indies, having visited all the islands and interviewed a great many people. Their report was now completed, and he hoped to present it to the Secretary of State to-day.

Lord Olivier attributes the depressed condition of the West Indian sugar-market to the over-production of sugar in the world.—British Wireless Service.

GOLD BAR CONTROL

Limit Transactions By Central Political Council

Nanking, Jan. 16.

All transactions on the Shanghai Gold Bar Exchange must be concluded as soon as price fluctuations rise higher or fall than five points, in accordance with the existing regulations governing the operation of exchanges.

The decision to enforce this rule was reached at yesterday's meeting of the Central Political Council following careful deliberations upon the present financial situation in the silver market due to frenzied speculation. The discussion was led by the Finance Minister Mr. T. V. Soong and Dr. H. H. Kung.

The Ministry of Industry Commerce and Labour was also expressly instructed by the Council to carry out the above decision and to devise measures for the punishment of those wilfully ignoring the order of the Central Government by conducting illicit speculation outside the Gold Bar Exchange in Shanghai.

Another important decision of the Council was to request the State Council to issue a Mandate ordering that Customs revenue be henceforth made payable on a Gold basis.—Kuo Min.

ADVISER TO BANK

Havard Professor to Assist Governors

London, Yesterday.

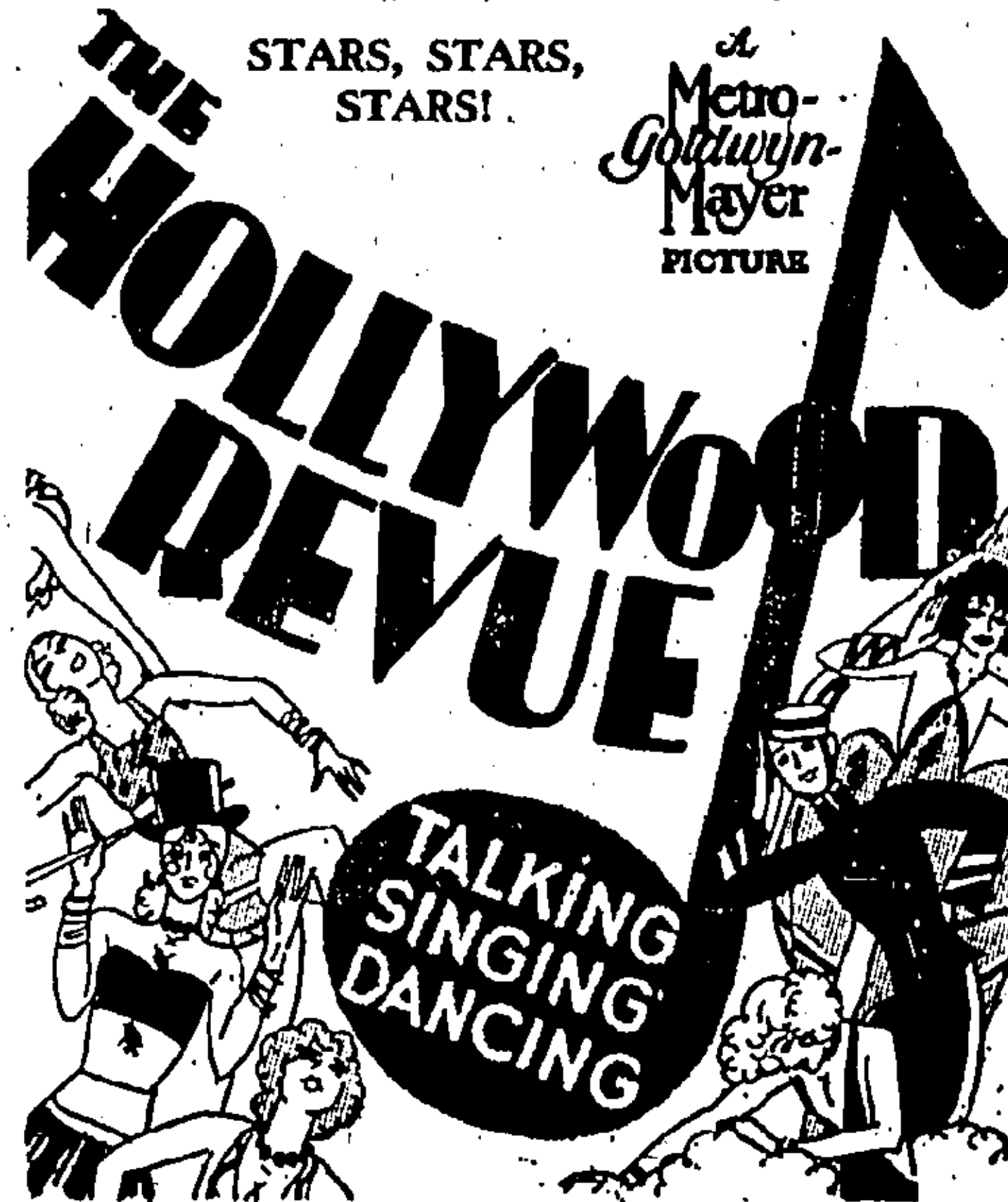
The Bank of England announces the appointment of Dr. O. M. W. Sprague, Professor of Banking, Harvard University, as economic statistical adviser to the Governors, succeeding Mr. W. W. Stewart.—Reuter.

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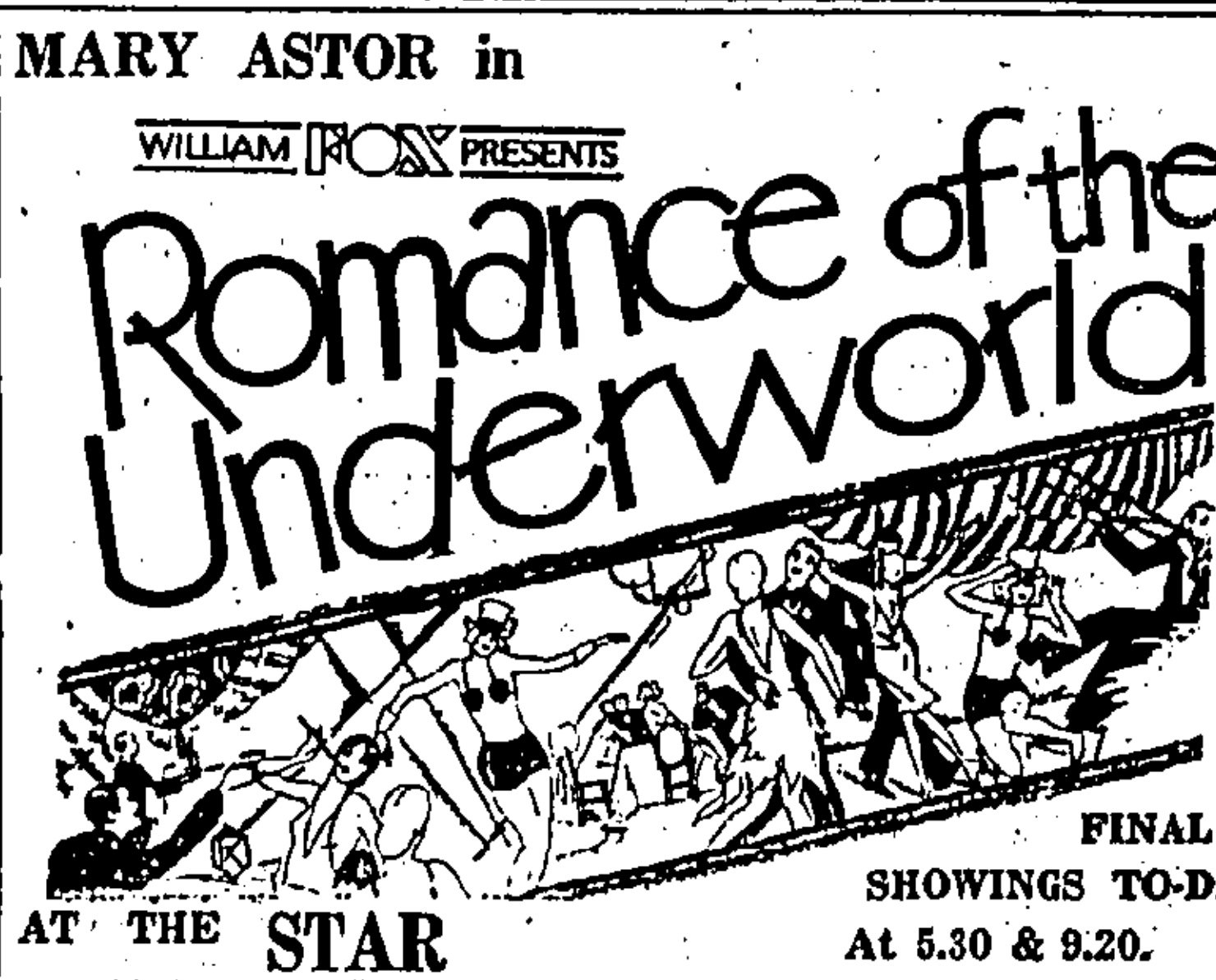


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